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Sheriff Champagne Promotes Two New Staff Members

Sheriff Champagne is pleased to announce the appointment and promotion of two new staff members.

Lieutenant Lance Richards has been promoted to Captain and will now command the Criminal Investigations Bureau.

Lieutenant Jeremy Pitchford has been promoted to Captain and will assume command of the Patrol Division.

Captain Richards is a 20-year veteran of the Sheriff's Office and has an extensive professional background. Starting as a Corrections Deputy in 2004, he transitioned to the Patrol Division and later served as a Detective in the Criminal Investigations Division for five years. Progressing through the ranks, he held positions as Corporal and Sergeant in the Patrol Division before assuming the role of Lieutenant and Commander of the Internal Affairs Division in 2020, where he has displayed professionalism and experienced leadership.

Captain Pitchford is a 23-year veteran of the agency and has also had a distinguished career working his way through the ranks since 2001. He began in the Corrections Division, transitioned to the Patrol Division in 2003. He became a detective in the Criminal Investigations Division in 2008. His commitment and leadership were recognized with promotions to sergeant of Criminal Investigations in 2015 and then to Lieutenant in 2020.

Sheriff Champagne commented: "The St. Charles Sheriff's Office is a better agency today because we have dedicated employees such as Captain Richards and Captain Pitchford who have risen through the ranks from the bottom-up garnering extensive **experience and training all along the way**. I am extremely proud to promote both to essential command positions within our agency."

