

Sheriff



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OCSO CONGRATULATES FORMER SHERIFF ED SPOONER ON NOMINATION



Sheriff Larry Ashley and the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office offer their heartfelt congratulations to former Okaloosa Sheriff Ed Spooner on his nomination to serve as U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Florida.

The nomination to this prestigious post by President Barack Obama was announced Wednesday.

Spooner is currently an assistant special-agent-in-charge for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement in Tallahassee. Prior to that however, he served as interim sheriff of Okaloosa County for nearly two years. He was appointed to that post in 2009 by former Governor Charlie Crist.

"Sheriff Spooner was a driving force in helping to restore credibility and morale at the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office during one of the most difficult times in the agency's history," said Sheriff Larry Ashley. "He brought his wisdom, work ethic, and experience to bear for everyone's benefit, and he coupled those qualities with compassion, a sense of humor, and a genuine sense of caring for our employees and our community. He helped us obtain accreditation, a true milestone for the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office and we were truly grateful for the opportunity to work alongside him. Our sincere wishes for his successful appointment to U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Florida, where we hope to continue to partner on our public safety mission."

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President Obama Nominates Two to Serve as United States Marshals

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, President Obama nominated Dennis J. Erby to serve as U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Mississippi and Edward M. Spooner to serve as U.S. Marshal for the Northern District of Florida.

“Dennis J. Erby and Edward M. Spooner have dedicated their career to protecting their fellow citizens,” said **President Obama**. “They have displayed courage and persistence in the pursuit of justice, and I am honored to nominate them today to continue their selfless work on behalf of the people of Mississippi and Florida as U.S. Marshals.”

US MARSHALS

Dennis J. Erby: Nominee for United States Marshal for the Northern District of Mississippi

Dennis J. Erby currently serves as a Supplemental Compliance Monitor for the Mississippi Department of Public Safety and Planning. He spent the majority of his law enforcement career with the Mississippi State Highway Patrol where he entered as a patrolman in 1978 and rose through the ranks to Lieutenant. Mr. Erby served in the Mississippi National Guard from 1974 to 1980. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Mississippi State University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

Edward M. Spooner: Nominee for United States Marshal for the Northern District of Florida

Edward Spooner, a life-long Florida resident, began his law enforcement career as an intern with the Florida Highway Patrol in 1973. He served as a patrol and training officer with the Tallahassee Police Department from 1973 to 1977. Mr. Spooner trained law enforcement officers as an instructor at the Pat Thomas Law Enforcement Academy from 1977 to 1979. In 1979, he was named the Director of Public Safety for Quincy, Florida, a position he held until 1991. Mr. Spooner has served on the Florida Parole Commission from 1991 to 1998, as Chief Deputy of the Gadsden County Sheriff’s Office from 1998 to 2004, and as Sheriff of Okaloosa County from 2009 to 2010. He currently serves as an Assistant Special Agent in Charge within the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

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