

The citizens of Allen County have given me their vote of confidence on two separate occasions to serve our community as Sheriff. I have accepted that responsibility and challenge with honor and gratitude. It is for this reason that I offer this statement today. As a law enforcement officer and elected official, I readily accept that I am, and should, be held to the highest standards of conduct. Every day, I strive to meet those standards in both my professional and personal life. On July 16, 2019, I failed to conduct myself in a manner fitting my office.

Like so many of people in our community, I enjoy the many great festivals and activities offered in Allen County. On this day, I had occasion to take in an event at the Three River's Festival. While at this event, I was involved in an encounter with a juvenile festival volunteer. The volunteer was injured as a result. In retrospect, I believe that I could and should have handled the entirety of the situation with more professionalism. For that, I am deeply sorry. I also deeply regret my conduct while interacting with various Fort Wayne Police Officers. I am willing to fully accept responsibility for my actions by accepting the conditions set forth in a pretrial diversion agreement offered through by Special Prosecutor at this time.

I have the utmost respect for my fellow law enforcement officers. My actions did not reflect this respect and brought dishonor upon the Allen County Sheriff's Office. For the greatest benefit of my fellow officers and family I feel it is best to accept these terms and move forward. I want to personally thank the officers of the Ft Wayne Police Department for their great work and sacrifice. I also want to thank all of the Three Rivers Festival board members and volunteers who dedicate their time tirelessly to help and improve our community.

  
David J. Gladieux