

Good Afternoon,

I wanted to echo Sheriff Colby's comments regarding Judge Jiron in reference to his retention hearing. I agree that the Judge is an honorable person, but he is creating an environment in Caledonia County that is putting citizens and police officers in jeopardy. His lack of accountability for defendants who have demonstrated a blatant disregard of the orders of the court, whether that be violations of conditions of release or citation dates, causes police numerous encounters with the same individuals, of whom some are prone to violence. A prime example occurred yesterday when one of my officers arrested an individual on three outstanding arrest warrants, all for misdemeanor violations, and he was instructed to cite the individual into court for Monday and release him.

On numerous times he has ruled there was no probable cause and dismissed a case after seasoned States Attorneys have found probable cause to bring the case forward. I can only explain the Caledonia Court as having a revolving door and criminals in the area are also aware of the fact. They know that there are little to no repercussions for violations of conditions of release or a blatant failure to appear. There are no consequences for not showing up for court so they simply choose not to.

His actions have affected officer morale as they have to keep bringing the same individuals before the court or keep having to locate them to recite them. Many hours are wasted unnecessarily.

Thank you

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