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CROW WING COUNTY SHERIFF SCOTT GODDARD
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DEERWOOD MAYOR MICHAEL AULIE

Sheriff Goddard and Mayor Aulie wish to announce a mutual agreement to rescind the letter dated May 10, 2021, which restricted Deerwood Police Officers' access to some areas of the Sheriff's Office.

On August 18, 2021, Sheriff Goddard invited Mayor Aulie and Chief Mark Taylor to meet on this issue at his office. Both parties expressed their points of view and ultimately agreed that moving forward without any further restriction is the best outcome.

Sheriff Goddard added, "I am pleased with the ongoing discussions with Mayor Aulie, and I appreciate everyone's willingness to come to the table and work through this situation. My office has and always will support our local law enforcement partners in all matters related to public safety. I now consider this matter closed and look forward to focusing on what is best for the citizens of Crow Wing County."

Mayor Aulie said, "I am grateful that we were able to have a productive meeting where both sides were able to state their concerns, reach an understanding of each other's viewpoint, and resolve to move forward. "I look forward to our Deerwood officers being able to continue work with our county partners for the good of all our citizens."