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**Letter to the Editor**

**Devlin knows what's needed as sheriff**

On Primary Day, the voters need to vote the most qualified, experienced, dedicated person to the office of Otsego County sheriff. Sgt. Richard J. Devlin Jr. is that person.

Sgt. Devlin has been in law enforcement for 20 years, the past 14 of that with the Otsego County Sheriff's Office. Since working in the Sheriff's Office, he has worked his way through the ranks as deputy, investigator and his present rank of sergeant, making him third in command of the whole department. Many people do not realize the Sheriff's Office is more than law enforcement. It is also running the county Correctional Facility, the Civil Process Office and the pistol permit section with a staff of nearly 80.

Sgt. Devlin is well-versed in all three departments, particularly law enforcement. He oversees all criminal investigations, daily operation of the department, scheduling and any administrative duties requested by the sheriff and undersheriff. Among all his other duties, Sgt. Devlin writes the department grants. He has secured thousands of dollars for equipment computerizing the road patrol and Correctional Facility, taking a big burden off the taxpayers.

I have been given much credit for the many accomplishments in the department since I became sheriff. In all honesty, I have to say credit belongs to all my personnel, particularly to Sgt. Devlin. The Republican Party and both the Road Patrol Union and Corrections Union have endorsed him. After being sheriff for 12 years, I would like to leave knowing the Sheriff's Office is in capable hands making a smooth transition for the personnel and the people of Otsego County.

I urge you to go to the polls on Primary Day, Sept. 12, and vote for Richard Devlin, a man of dedication, experience and honesty. He has earned your vote.

**Sheriff Donald R. Mundy Sr., Oneonta**

