

To: Tom Knight, Candidate for Sarasota County Sheriff  
From: Joseph P. Slapp  
Subject: Political Contribution and Endorsement

June 13, 2008

Dear Tom, Please accept this letter and contribution as my Official Endorsement to your campaign to be elected Sheriff of Sarasota County.

The Sarasota County Sheriff's Department is a very professional organization in need of Quality Top Management. Having served the City of Venice as a police officer for almost 31 years myself, and retiring as Chief/Director of Public Safety, I strongly feel that you are the best candidate to fill that position. I have had the privilege of following your very distinguished career with the Florida Highway Patrol, which has made it very easy for me to support your candidacy for Sheriff.

Good Luck, and please feel free to use this endorsement in any manner you feel appropriate.

Sincerely,  
Joseph P. Slapp  
Retired Venice Police Chief/Director of Public Safety

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Slapp", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.