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Sheriff

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Melvin "Teddy" Burns, Jr.

No response.

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PARTY AFFILIATION: Republican

PROFESSION: Entrepreneur

PRESENT EMPLOYER/POSITION Self-employed, rental property owner.

HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION College, Two years at U.N.O., 1 year Delgado.

APPLICABLE TRAINING:

CIVIC EXPERIENCE: Deputy Constable, 2nd District; Vice President 2nd District Constable Association. On leave of absence due to campaign.

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

MEMBERSHIPS: This is my first run for office. I have campaigned for former New Orleans District Attorney Harry Connick and 2nd District Constable Tony Thomassie.

1. What are your top three priorities for the office and why?

1. My first priority is to have an adequate street level approach to reducing crime. Available resources must be utilized in areas that have the most direct impact on criminal activity. This entails increasing the number of deputies patrolling and gathering intelligence. My plan calls for deputy pay raises, aggressive recruitment, incentives such as housing programs to make it easier for deputies to buy homes, and additional police substations, not just in high crime areas, but in any neighborhood that requests one. Advanced training will be provided so that deputies are equipped to deal with the new breed of criminal. I also plan to build an additional prison so that individuals are never released due to overcrowding. The larger the police presence, the more difficult it will be for individuals to commit crimes, as well as to avoid capture when they do engage in illegal activity. More intelligence gathering will lead to the arrests of drug suppliers and possibly thwart murders. Additional prison beds will ensure that any individual unable to guarantee his presence in court by paying a bond will stay in jail,

regardless of his status as an offender.

2. My second priority is preventing the crime problem by attacking it at its root. I will meet with community, school and church leaders to establish programs and incentives to keep kids in school, off the streets and out of trouble, as well as programs for parents of children at risk, to teach these parents how to raise law-abiding citizens. I will also work with local businesses and parish officials to provide job opportunities, so that gainful employment is more attractive than illegal activity. Deputy liaisons specific to each community will be appointed, so that citizens who now have a poor relationship with their police force will feel safe reporting criminal activity in their neighborhoods.

3. My third priority is to improve the quality of life in Jefferson Parish. I will enforce the litter and noise ordinances, and create a Litter/Noise Ordinance Court. I will also rigorously enforce car seat and seatbelt laws for infants and children, and vigilantly pursue intoxicated drivers. I will create a method to follow up and track domestic violence cases, so that victims who report their abusers do not eventually end up as statistics. I will support term limits for the office of Sheriff, so that the JPSO can become a crime fighting business, instead of a political empire. This will guarantee that all decisions are made for the benefit of the citizens of Jefferson Parish. All of these measures will make our parish safer and a more desirable place to live.

2. What experience or education qualifies you for this position?

I am 36-years-old, healthy and energetic, and have been a deputy constable for seven years. I have experience working with and leading a team, having played middle linebacker in a semi-pro football league with the New Orleans Sharks, as well as having served between 1985 and 1988 as defensive, All-Westbank, All-Metro, and All-District Captain for the West Jefferson district championship football team. I was raised in Jefferson Parish, and I know the streets, including the dangerous neighborhoods, and have no qualms about doing what is necessary within the confines of the law to eliminate criminal activity. I have the energy, desire and determination to do what needs to be done to stop criminals, and can do so without abusing or sacrificing the rights of the law-abiding public. I am not a part of the political machine of Jefferson Parish. While the sheriff must effectively work with the parish officials, he must never forget that he answers to the public.

3. What justice reform legislation would you support?

I would support any legislation that offers further protection to the victims of sexual assault and domestic violence.

4. Outside of the Sheriff's office, what are the biggest obstacles to accomplishing your priorities and how would you overcome them?

I don't believe in obstacles. I believe in challenges. The only way to overcome a challenge is to face it head on and not back down. Whatever challenges come up will be faced and dealt with accordingly.



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PARTY AFFILIATION:

Republican

PROFESSION:

Chief of Police, City of Harahan - Law Enforcement

PRESENT EMPLOYER/POSITION (if self-employed, what type of business)

HIGHEST LEVEL OF EDUCATION (include graduation date):

Master of Science Counterterrorism Studies

APPLICABLE TRAINING:

All Aspects of Law Enforcement since 1963, NOPD, JPSO

CIVIC EXPERIENCE:

St. Rita's Dad's Club, KC's, St Rita Council, Servsalem, Shriners, Albert Pike Lodge
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POLITICAL EXPERIENCE AND POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

MEMBERSHIPS:

City Council, City of Harahan 1997-2002

Chief of Police, City of Harahan, 2002-Present

1. What are your top three priorities for the office and why?

Reduce the current size of police districts to precincts in high crime areas: creates more accountability to the community; better relations between officers and the community; better response time; and community gets to know the officers patrolling their area.

Create stronger drug enforcement tactics: create a "District Narcotics" unit in district; a major narcotics unit will concentrate on both mid and high level drug dealers; strengthen enforcement through increased ASSET FORFEITURE AREA, taking the profit away from drug dealers; develop stronger area wide drug enforcement throughout the metro New Orleans area by multi-agency cooperation - local, state and federal.

Create a stronger partnership with the District Attorney's Office and U.S. Attorneys Office: assign personnel to monitor and track all arrest cases; increased training of personnel by Assistant DA's ... resulting in stronger court cases.

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4. Outside of the Sheriff's office, what are the biggest obstacles to accomplishing your priorities and how would you overcome them?



Newell D. Normand

No response.

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