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DIXIE COUNTY -- Dixie County Sheriff Dewey H. Hatcher Sr. is seeking reelection.

On Monday (July 25), he spoke with *HardisonInk.com* about why he believes voters should choose him.

Sheriff Hatcher is completing his 16th year this year as the High Sheriff of Dixie County. He served one four-year term, was not in that office for four years and now has served a set of three, consecutive four-year terms.

The sheriff said the wellbeing of Dixie County residents and visitors continues to be his main interest.

During his 16 years as sheriff, the Dixie County Sheriff's Office has grown, and it has added new tools -- including new technology -- to help the law enforcement officers and staff perform their jobs, Hatcher said.

"The people of this county have been very good to me," Hatcher said. "They placed their confidence in me through four elections. I've tried to live up to their expectations. I've done the right thing, regardless of how popular or unpopular it is."

The sheriff said he understands that not every person is going to be happy with his staff enforcing laws. That is what they swore to do, though.

"I have proven time and time again," Hatcher said, "that I am pro law enforcement."

The other candidate for this office in Dixie County has proved to be not so inclined.

Dixie County Sheriff candidate Christopher Cambron was ordered to serve five days in jail for contempt of court on July 13 by Third Judicial Circuit Court Judge Mark E. Feagle.

Cambron's criminal and civil cases began in April of this year when he and his wife Brenda Cambron were arrested in regard to their alleged involvement in the purchase of marijuana, according to records. Since that time, both Mr. and Mrs. Cambron have a criminal case pending against them and two other civil cases, one of which involves the Florida Department of Children and Families, according to records.

On April 15, Dixie County Judge Jennifer Ellison was made aware of various video postings on the Internet in which Christopher Cambron made threats of violence against public officials.

Due to these published threats, Judge Ellison entered an order against Christopher Cambron that requires him to contact the Dixie County Sheriff's Office and make arrangements for a security escort into the Dixie County Courthouse whenever he visits the building, according to records.

His failure to let bailiffs know he was in the building was what caused his most recent visit to the Dixie County Jail. In Florida, no person is above the law -- even a candidate for sheriff. Likewise, all people in this state enjoy equal protection by the law.

Hence, his legal counsel has succeeded in Cambron not being tried yet for his alleged involvement in the illegal purchase of marijuana.