



## KNOX COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Tom Spangler  
Sheriff

To the citizens of Knox County,

When I ran for Sheriff in 2018, I vowed to be transparent. Today, I am honoring my word with some difficult news. I learned late last week that I have pancreatic cancer. Although this news shocked me and my family, both blood and blue, it didn't take The Lord by surprise. I take comfort that he is in control.

I have complete confidence in my medical team and the treatment plan. I'm grateful the cancer was caught early, and the prognosis is excellent. Additionally, I have a solid administration, and the Knox County Sheriff's Office has an incredible group of professionals who serve this community with honor and integrity. They've proven over the last few years, specifically the last few months, that they can face challenges head-on and have the fortitude to continue putting our citizens' safety first. I want to assure everyone that the day-to-day operation of the Sheriff's Office will not be disrupted.

As many of you know, I love being involved in the community. As I navigate my healing journey, there will be times I miss events that I would otherwise attend. This will be necessary to protect my immune system. Missing community events will be difficult, but I understand it is crucial! With that said, I will remain active and working inside the sheriff's office.

Although I am the Sheriff and unwaveringly committed to the citizens of Knox County and the Knox County Sheriff's Office, I am also a Husband, Dad, and PawPaw. On behalf of my wife, girls, and grandkids, I ask for privacy while we navigate this season. I covet your prayers, and as always, I am honored to serve as your Sheriff!

-Tom Spangler, Sheriff

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