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Sheriff Larry Campbell Returns over \$1.5 Million of Tax Payer Dollars to County Commission

Due to concerns of the difficult financial times facing tax payers, Leon County Government and the State of Florida, Sheriff Larry Campbell at the beginning of fiscal year 2007-2008 issued instructions to all Divisions of the Leon County Sheriff's Office to look for ways to cut cost and save tax payer money. These instructions were consistent with Sheriff Campbell's belief and practice of being a fiscal conservative and responsible with tax payer money. Some of the cost saving measures implemented resulted in a reduction in overtime, travel and supplies. These measures alone accounted in saving of approximately \$350,000. The biggest cost saving was a result of the Leon County Jails success in managing the current inmate population, which allowed the Sheriff's Office to delay the opening and staffing of the newly remodeled jail annex. This resulted in a savings of approximately \$500,000.

For fiscal year 2007-2008, the Leon County Commission approved a budget of \$60,481,974 for the Leon County Sheriff's Office. Through Sheriff Campbell's cost saving measures, the Leon County Sheriff Office will be returning \$1,518,234, to the Leon County Commission.

Sheriff Larry Campbell said "this is the largest amount of budget money ever returned to the Leon County Commission in the history of the Leon County Sheriff's Office. This returned money represents my commitment to being a responsible steward of tax dollars and I am extremely proud of my management team for their continued and on-going efforts to save tax payer money."

Budget Money Returned Over Past Five Years

FY 06-07 \$421,965
FY 05-06 \$ 39,957
FY 04-05 \$959,208
FY 03-04 \$ 4,629
FY 02-03 \$402, 268



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