

Ramsey County Sheriff Candidate Matt Bostrom is Encouraged by Gang Strike Force Settlement

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(Saint Paul, MN) – Matt Bostrom is encouraged by today’s settlement for victims of the Metro Gang Strike Force. “While this is a significant step in making the victims whole again, I remain concerned about how we got to this place,” said Bostrom. “What people may not realize is that while officers and administrators of the strike force were coming and going over the past eight years, one constant was Ramsey County Sheriff Bob Fletcher. Still to this day, Fletcher has expressed no concern, despite his own direct leadership and substantial involvement in this unit.”

According to the reported terms of the settlement agreement reached by the parties, after the victims are compensated, any remaining settlement dollars will go towards creating a fund to retrain officers and supervisors in community policing. Matt Bostrom is the author of Recruitment, Hiring, and Retention of Community Policing Officers: Character Based Selection and Assessment, a study developed in concert with the U.S. Department of Justice.

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