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Police Chief Jay Wiggins Retiring

GLYNN COUNTY Ga, In a letter to Glynn County Manager Alan Ours dated January 7, 2021, Glynn County Police Chief Jay Wiggins announced his upcoming retirement from Glynn County. Chief Wiggins stated that he is retiring to explore other opportunities that have been made available to him. Chief Wiggins has served Glynn County in public safety for 31 years, beginning with the Glynn County Police Department, rising to the rank of Captain, then transitioning to the Glynn County Emergency Management Agency, before being appointed Chief of Police.

Mr. Ours stated, "I thank Jay for his service during a tumultuous time in the Glynn County Police Department's history. During these ten months, he and his staff were able to recruit 24 new officers, change to a 10-hour shift schedule, provide additional training for the officers, invest in new equipment such as in-car cameras, body cameras and tasers, and the policies of the Department have been updated. Chief Wiggins continued to move the department towards community policing fundamentals by engaging with the public through virtual town halls and other innovative strategies during the pandemic. These changes help to bring more stability to the department and together will serve as a catalyst for improving public trust. Jay was the right person at the right time to steady the ship, and we wish him the best in his future endeavors."

Chief Wiggins retirement will be effective as of Sunday, January 31, 2021. Chief Wiggins' resignation letter is attached.

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Jay Wiggins

January 7th, 2021

Mr. Alan M. Ours
County Manager
Glynn County Board of Commissioners
1725 Reynolds St., Suite 302
Brunswick, GA 31520

Dear Mr. Ours,

Please accept this letter as my notice of my intention to retire from Glynn County Government. I am retiring in order to explore other opportunities that have been made available to me. I would like to thank you for the faith and confidence you have bestowed upon me during my time with Glynn County. I have had an amazing career and have been provided so many wonderful opportunities during my tenure with this organization. I am most proud of the people I have been given the opportunity to work alongside serving this community. I have made so many friends, all of whom I will miss working with on a day-to-day basis.

It has been my honor to serve as the Chief of Police for the Glynn County Police Department and the Director of the Glynn County Emergency Management Agency. The men and women of both departments are hardworking, dedicated professionals. We have worked together as a team to make the Police Department better, and I feel that the department will continue to make great strides moving forward. I believe it's important to have continuity in the department, and hope that the person who succeeds me will be with the department for many years and continue the positive momentum that has been achieved to this point. Part of the positive momentum has been motivated by the Police Advisory Panel which has helped the department make significant strides towards accreditation. I will be glad to assist the Police Advisory Panel and the Board of Commissioners in any way moving forward with the transition to a new Chief.

After thirty-one years in local public safety, I have a lot of fond memories, and I hope that I have made a positive impact on the community I have called home my entire life. I am grateful to all of those who have helped me and guided me throughout my career, especially you. I value and respect your leadership, and it has truly been an honor to be a part of your team.

My last day with Glynn County will be January 31st 2021.

Sincerely,

Jay Wiggins

CC: The Glynn County Board of Commissioners