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PUTNAM COUNTY'S NEXT SHERIFF

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Sheriff Langley Violates Public Trust; Records and Releases Taped Conversation With Carmel Town Supervisor

Carmel, NY...September 30, 2021...Today, Kevin McConville, the Republican and Conservative candidate for Putnam County Sheriff, released the following statement in response to Sheriff Bob Langley secretly recording and releasing a taped conversation with another Elected Official:

"Late last night, an audio recording of a conversation between Putnam County Sheriff Bob Langley and Carmel Town Supervisor Ken Schmitt was released, raising serious concerns about the unethical conduct of Sheriff Langley and endangering the credibility, trust, and transparency of the Sheriff's Department.

The eighteen plus minute recording, which was political in nature, was seemingly recorded at Sheriff Langley's office and can only be described as Putnam County's version of Watergate. Simply put, it is a violation of the public trust and so unethical, it would make President Nixon and former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover blush.

The public deserves to know why the Chief Law Enforcement Officer of the county is secretly recording and releasing taped conversations with their Elected Officials.

Sheriff Langley needs to immediately answer the following questions:

- Why did he record a conversation with the Carmel Town Supervisor?
- Who else has he recorded conversations with?
- How often does he record conversations?
- Who has access to these taped conversations?
- Where are they stored?
- Is it standard operating procedure within the Sheriff's Department to record conversations without probable cause or evidence that a crime has been committed?
- Why is he having political conversations with other Elected Officials from the Sheriff's Department?

In addition, I'm calling on the District Attorney to immediately open an investigation into the actions of Sheriff Langley, so that we can restore the public trust and ensure this never happens again."

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McConville 4 Sheriff

