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BETHEL UNIVERSITY AWARDS THREE SCHOLARSHIPS TO PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DEPUTIES

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN –Bethel University's Director of Admissions Denny King and Vice President Roland Colson recently visited the Putnam County Sheriff's Office to present \$5,000 scholarships to Deputy Herb Snow, Investigator Greg Pauch, and School Resource Officer Steve Elrod. All three deputies are continuing their education at Bethel University this Fall. Herb Snow will be pursuing a Master's Degree, while Greg Pauch and Steve Elrod will be completing Bachelor's Degrees.

"I would like to commend each one of these fine deputies for continuing their education," said Sheriff Eddie Farris. "Education is something of value and this Department supports your desire to further that education. The more we can better ourselves, the greater impact it will have on the jobs we do each and every day to make this Department the best."

Deputy Herb Snow has just over 25 years of service to the County as a Deputy. He recently graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Bethel University. He will be using the grant to begin work on his Master's Degree at Bethel University this month. Deputy Snow comes from a law enforcement background. His father and grandfather were both police officers, serving 30 years respectively.

Investigator Greg Pauch began his college studies in 2011 and then had to take a break due to his service in the Army. He completed 20 years of service to our country in 2014 and joined the Putnam County Sheriff's Office this past September. He will be using the grant to complete his Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice.

School Resource Officer Steve Elrod is a 14-year veteran of our Department and serves at Monterey High School. He is currently completing his Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Services Management with plans to finish in Spring 2016.

"Since being elected as your Sheriff, I have made it a priority to improve the training and education of all the Sheriff's Department employees," said Sheriff Eddie Farris. "As a result, we have arranged for and sponsored scholarships for furthering college education. We have also seen an increase in job related certifications and enhanced training programs for personnel. I am very proud of all of our deputies and want to congratulate all of them on their hard work and dedication since I took office."

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