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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Lt. Bob Crabtree Graduates from FBI Academy**

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN – The Putnam County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce that Lt. Robert "Bob" Crabtree in the Criminal Investigations Division recently graduated in Class #261 of the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA. He is the fourth member of the Department to graduate from the Academy and the first to do so while working for the Putnam County Sheriff's Office. The 10-week program is only offered to 1,000 law enforcement officers worldwide per year.

"I am proud of Bob for completing this prestigious program," said Sheriff Eddie Farris. "This is a big deal. It is an honor for Bob to have been selected and an even greater honor for our Department. His commitment and dedication to education and furthering his professional credentials are the hallmark of what our agency stands for."

Detective Crabtree was nominated by the Sheriff and the head of the FBI office in Memphis, TN. He then had to make the cut to a short list of six nominees before his name was submitted to the national FBI office in Quantico. From there, he had to be selected to attend one of only four sessions per year from a worldwide list of candidates.

During the 10-week Academy, Crabtree received university level academic classroom training as well as rigorous physical conditioning. He was allowed to select the classes from a wide range of topics, such as Legal, Forensic Science, Violent Offenders, Stress Management, and Media. The physical training was tough and competitive with required testing held before graduation. In addition to all of the hard work, attendees were taken on several field trips during their stay, including the Holocaust Museum, the 911 Memorial and Freedom Tower in New York City, and the Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington, DC.

"It was a fantastic experience," commented Crabtree. "It really gives you a different perspective on how you look at crimes. You learn from how other agencies do things and make lifelong contacts that benefit you and your agency."

All FBI graduates receive a diploma and a distinctive yellow brick with their name, class number and year of graduation. Other former FBI Academy graduates at the Putnam County Sheriff's Office include Sheriff Eddie Farris (Class #200 in 2000), Major Terry Hembree (Class #188 in 1997) and Mike Ronczkowski (Class #217 in 2004).

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