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**25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the merger between the Charleston County Sheriff's Office and the  
Charleston County Police Department**

(North Charleston, SC) January 1, 2016 marked the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the merger between the Charleston County Police Department and the Charleston County Sheriff's Office. This merger was a collaborative effort between many government and elected officials so that the citizens of Charleston County could be better served and protected. The merger was successfully completed on January 1, 1991. As a result of this merger, the Charleston County Sheriff's Office has made many great and positive gains for the citizens of Charleston County. This was one of the first steps in modernizing public safety resources. Sheriff Cannon, along with members of Charleston County Council, played an instrumental role in this complex merger agreement between both law enforcement agencies.

Sheriff Cannon adds, "In November, 1990, the voters of Charleston County voted to abolish the Charleston County Police Department, and transfer the responsibilities of that agency to the Charleston County Sheriff's Office. The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this significant milestone should be recognized within our organization, and commemorated. Many of our members have joined us since that consolidation occurred, and we should pause to consider how the organization has evolved over the years, and to celebrate the efforts of the many that made this consolidation so successful. I can think of no better way to do so, than to ceremoniously reaffirm our oaths of office."

In recognizing this monumental accomplishment, Sheriff Cannon will conduct a departmental wide swearing in ceremony of his deputy sheriffs on Friday, January 8, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. and at 6:30 p.m. Sheriff Cannon will also discuss the progress that the Charleston County Sheriff's Office have made since its merger with the Charleston County Police Department. The swearing in ceremony will be held at the Charleston County Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Center at 3691 Leeds Avenue, North Charleston, S.C.

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