



Forsyth County SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Sheriff Ron H. Freeman

A Message From Sheriff Ron Freeman

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At 7:40 a.m. the Georgia Bureau of Investigation contacted Sheriff Freeman regarding a search warrant that was being executed at an employee's home. The search warrant was in reference to child pornography and the employee was identified as Chief Deputy Grady Sanford. After the search warrant was executed, probable cause existed to make an arrest. Sheriff Freeman immediately terminated Mr. Sanford's employment with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office.

"To say this is a shock is a gross understatement. We intentionally set our standards high at Forsyth County. Regardless of rank, every employee must meet those moral and legal standards. There is no room for this type of crime in our State, and certainly not in the law enforcement profession. Our trust and that of our community has been betrayed. I've made a commitment to be transparent, even when one of our own employees does wrong. No one is exempt and no one is above the law," said Sheriff Ron Freeman.

The case is being investigated by the GBI and all inquiries should be directed to them.

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