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Tell us a little about yourself and your family, how long you have lived in the area and your occupation.

- Born and raised in Spokane County (4th generation) 1976-2020
- Became a resident of Kootenai County in October 2020
- Married, father of 5 and grandfather of 1 grandson
 - Adult daughter serving in the US Navy
 - Adult son who is an ER tech and private investigator
 - Adult son who works in manufacturing and is a budding journalist
 - Adult special needs daughter who lives with me and my wife
 - Teenage daughter who lives with me
 - 3-grown stepchildren who live out of state
- Home School Graduate (1984 to 1993)
- Journeyman Carpenter
- Small Business owner
 - Rockin' DW Construction-Commercial General Contractor 24 years
 - Inland Commercial Casework-Commercial cabinets and fixtures 17 years
 - Selkirk Security Group-Personal security and corporate risk assessment training and civilian active shooter survival trainer -14 years
- Reserve Police Officer 12 years (2011 to 2023)
 - Rookie of the year Spokane Police Department 2011
 - Volunteer of the Year Liberty Lake 2016
 - Spokane Police Competitive Shooting Team member 2012/2013
 - Service Award Liberty Lake Police Department 2023
- Hobbies/Interest
 - Family time
 - Weightlifting and cross training
 - Jiu-Jitsu White Belt
 - Reading history and studying the founders
 - Hillsdale College Online Student
 - Shooting Sports
 - Carpentry
 - Cigars and whiskey
 - Traveling

Do you have experience as an elected official and if so, what was your position, and how would you describe your voting record?

I have no previous experience as an elected official but I have extensive experience working closely with elected officials and political candidates. I have consistently voted since 1994 when I turned 18.

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Please tell us about your activity as a Republican. Have you previously voted for candidates of other parties? If yes, explain.

I was canvassing for Republican candidates before I could vote. I was a board member of the Spokane Young Republicans 1994 - 1996. I canvassed for Mike Padden and Larry Crouse, 4th district legislators (1992/1992) and was a 4th district sign coordinator for Senator Ellen Craswell's gubernatorial campaign in 1996.

I've been generally involved with Spokane GOP over the years. I have served on the election campaigns for Cathy McMorris Rogers and Duanne Alton (the latter of which ran against George Nethercutt for 5th district congressional race to unseat Speaker Tom Foley).

Since moving to Idaho, I attend every town hall that I am able to and also attend Lincoln Day dinners. Have you previously voted for candidates of other parties? If yes, explain.

None that I recall.

What is the purpose of government?

Government's primary purpose is to secure our rights of life, liberty, and property, which are the natural laws of God. Government exists to secure our rights in 3 ways.

1. From domestic violence (those that would perpetrate violence against another person or their property).
2. Protection against foreign threats.
3. Lastly, from government itself through the separation of powers. Those powers not enumerated by Congress, are left to the states. Government carries out the protection of our rights through four means.
 1. By the Legislature who pass laws
 2. By the Executive that prosecutes lawbreakers
 3. By the Judiciary that tries people for crimes
 4. By the executive that administers the punishment upon conviction by a jury of their peers.

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Describe why you are running for this particular office. What are your qualifications? What are your goals?

I will be the Sheriff to protect all of Kootenai County citizen's rights with leadership, enthusiasm, innovation, and extreme ownership. I will become the buffer between an out-of-control Federal government and the people.

What are your qualifications?

1. I served 12 years as a commissioned, reserve police officer 2011-2023 in the greater Spokane area. During this time, I logged thousands of patrol hours, received Spokane Police Department's Rookie of the Year award in 2011 and Liberty Lake's Volunteer of the Year award 2016. I hold a Level 1 certification in Advance Law Enforcement Rapid Response (ALERT) and have graduated from numerous tactical courses for patrol rifle, tactical pistol, shotgun, and defensive tactics.
2. I have been a successful commercial general contractor and commercial casework contractor for almost 25 years, estimating and executing contracts successfully in the private, medical, local, state, and federal sectors. Being successful in executing multiple complex projects over the years has required me to have a 360-degree view of entire projects and to identify all risks, resources and logistics required to complete these projects per our contract. As general contractor I must know a lot about many trades. My approach for the past 24 years has been to identify and acquire for our team, experts in multiple disciplines and through their expertise and experience, utilize their recommendations as co-contributors to the overall mission plan. It is through collaboration with multiple experts that I have continually delivered quality projects on or below budget and on or ahead of schedule. In 25 years, I have never been sued nor have I had a liability insurance claim against my work. I have successfully earned ongoing multi-year contracts with national healthcare organizations, the United States Air Force and was chosen by the city of Spokane for two non-compete contracts to construct emergency warming shelters during the 2020 Covid pandemic. I bring over 24 years of experience in contract negotiations, budgeting projections, logistics and planning, employee relations, and customer relationships. I have managed millions of dollars in contracts at my own risk, have never had a claim against my surety bonds nor gambled with borrowed funds. I alone have been solely financially responsible for my decisions. I have never received any federal, state, or local grants and did not participate in the Paycheck Protection Program during the Covid-19 pandemic. Unlike many politicians who have been responsible for government spending without risking their own treasure, I will bring this successful life experience to my role as Kootenai County Sheriff.
3. I'm a 4th generation Spokaneite that moved to Idaho in 2020. I had grandparents who lived in Post Falls as early as the 70's and I began my carpentry apprenticeship in Kootenai County in the early 90's. I truly understand our local culture and people.
4. I have been an Executive Protection Agent for a Fortune 500 Executive operating in Mexico in high-risk environments and for elected officials (2 recent GOP presidential candidates in 2015/2016), celebrities, entertainers, and at-risk individuals.

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5. I own a physical security consulting firm (Selkirk Security Group established in 2010) advising corporate, manufacturing, medical and government industries on risk, vulnerability, and threat exposure to their operations.
6. I have been an Active Shooter Survival instructor for corporations and organizations utilizing my own sourced curriculum.
7. I am an expert witness for construction defect cases in north Idaho and the greater Spokane area.
8. I have vast experience fulfilling city/state and federal contracts and my business is a registered Small Business Enterprise. My past and current construction contracts include a national health care provider (Master IDIQ Contract 2019-2024), Group Health (Master Contract 2007-2013), Department of Defense (Fairchild Air Force Base 5-year ETOC 2023-2028) Dayton General Hospital, The City of Spokane and the State of Washington Employment Securities Department to name just a few.
9. I have been an event host and speaker for public conversations about our founding fathers in an effort to bring the community together to learn about our great heritage as Americans.
10. I am a Podcast host with my wife, Dawna where we discuss current event, politics, and Christianity.

What are my goals?

- 1.) To maintain equal protection under the law for all the citizens of Kootenai County.
- 2.) To develop an effective strategy for reigning in an out-of-control Federal government, specifically concerning excessive force and unlawful warrants by Federal Agencies.
- 3.) To develop a reserve deputy program.
- 4.) To develop a citizen's posse of vetted individuals to assist the Sheriff's office in times of need to help maintain law, order, and security, as mandated by law.
- 5.) To formulate and execute proactive plans for dealing with illegal immigration and violent terrorists that have infiltrated our nation's borders with the assumption that these issues are here or will be here in Kootenai County soon.
- 6.) To combat the trafficking of humans, drugs and illegal weapons.
- 7.) To bring our community together.
- 8.) To cut Federal funding of the Sheriff's office if it comes with unconstitutional strings attached.
- 9.) To honor the north Idaho culture and impartial enforcement of the law as written.
- 10.) To stand against the implementation of the disastrous policies afflicting California and the dereliction of prosecutorial duty by the DOJ.

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Describe experiences where you are or have been engaged such as non-profit organizations, clubs, churches, boards, commissions, etc., where you have been of service to others.

- 12 years volunteer reserve police officer for Spokane and Liberty Lake Police Departments
- Former board member of Life Services of Spokane
- Spokane Police Department competitive shooting team member.
- Former board member of Spokane Associated Builders and Contractors.
- Former advisor for Spokane Community College Architectural Advisory Committee.
- Former Gideon
- Director and trainer of volunteer security for Valley Assembly Church, Spokane Valley.
- Habitat for Humanity home building participant.
- Moody Aviation student sponsorships.
- Idaho 2A Alliance
- Former We Believe We Vote Vetting Member
- Former AWANA leader

Do you describe yourself as fiscally conservative? Please, elaborate.

Yes. I believe that government should only spend the amount of taxpayer money that it takes to efficiently run our government to secure the rights of the people. I am for low taxes and minimal government spending. I do not support going further into debt for the sake of giving our precious treasure to countries who hate us and are run by communists. As Frédéric Bastiat wrote in his book "The Law", I too object to legalized plunder.

Do you consider yourself as socially conservative? Please elaborate.

Yes. As a follower of Christ, I subscribe to His teachings and use the Bible as my moral compass. Treat others as you would have them treat you. Love your neighbor as yourself. I believe in Judeo-Christian values. I reject cultural Marxism. I believe that a man should have a moral code by which he lives. Above all else, my first allegiance is to Jesus Christ, then my family, community and country.

Describe which party platform best aligns with your positions on public policy (Republican, Democrat, Libertarian or Constitutional Party) and where do you disagree with that platform.

Republican. I do not take any major objections to the well-articulated Idaho Republican Platform in its entirety.

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Do you have any history of tax liens, criminal record, bankruptcy or conflict of interest that may affect your future decisions or desirability to be voted into office?

No.

- I have never filed for bankruptcy.
- I've never taken a government hand-out or grant, including the recent Paycheck Protection Program loans during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- As a former police officer and as a licensed armed security contractor, I've been vetted by polygraph tests, psychological evaluations, extensive background investigations and have no criminal record nor have I've ever been charged with a crime.
- I have no other conflicts of interest.

Describe how you will make yourself available to your constituents and vote as their representative with FORTITUDE, adhering to the values and answers you have stated above.

- I will continually and actively be present in our community. I pledge to be accessible to the people through phone calls, in-person, and written communications.
- I will hold press conferences for noteworthy events and host town halls on a frequent basis to seek input, engagement and feedback from my constituents on the issues that matter most to them.