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Muncie Police Department's Transition

Muncie, Indiana – Today my Chief Deputy Zach Craig and I were honored to be invited to attend the swearing in ceremony of Muncie Police Department Chief Nathan Sloan and Deputy Chief Melissa Pease. The popular NBC television show *Law and Order*, begins each episode with the following line: “In the criminal justice system, the people are represented by two separate but equally important groups: The police, who investigate crime, and the prosecuting attorneys, who prosecute the offenders.” While much of what happens on *Law and Order* does not mirror what actually happens in real life, the opening line rings true. In order for the criminal justice system to function properly, the police and the prosecutor must work together as a team in the pursuit of justice. The Delaware County Prosecutor's Office has a long history of working together with our local law enforcement partners throughout the county. This tradition is continuing with the incoming City of Muncie administration. I believe that public safety is a non-partisan issue. I have extended any and all assistance from our office to the newly appointed Chief and Deputy Chief. In the weeks leading up to today, we have had several very productive discussions in a joint effort to serve and protect the citizens of Muncie. I look forward to working with the new administration toward the shared goals keeping citizens safe and pursuing justice on behalf of the victims of crime.



Chief of Police Nathan Sloan, Prosecutor Eric Hoffman, Deputy Chief of Police Melissa Pease

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