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MEDIA RELEASE

Date: March 30th, 2020

RE: Cayuga County Sheriff's Office – Confirmed Covid-19 Case

Location: Cayuga County Public Safety Building

Release Prepared by: Sheriff Brian Schenck 315-253-4337

On Sunday March 29th, it was learned that an employee of the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office, who had recently become ill with flu like symptoms, did test positive for Covid-19. The individual continues to recover from the illness and to date is doing fine.

Upon learning of the positive test result the Cayuga County Health Department was notified and did assist with guidance to prevent further spread of the virus. Approximately 10 employees of the Sheriff's Office have been placed on a voluntary quarantine for the remainder of the coming week and will be watching for any signs or symptoms of the illness. As of today's date, no additional staff members have presented with any symptoms.

The individual that did test positive for Covid-19 did not have any contact with the public or inmates during the period of time when transmission of the virus would have likely occurred. This person does not live in Cayuga County and is working with their local health department as well. We will continue to work with the Cayuga County Health Department on this issue.

“Please let this case serve as a reminder that it is more important than ever that we continue to practice social distancing and avoid unnecessary gatherings. Covid-19 is here in our community and while we do not need to panic, we do need to be aware and take common sense precautions. We do have a number of our staff members on leave this week to protect our inmate population, our staff, and the public we serve; however, we do continue to have appropriate levels of staffing of our Sheriff's Office in place to continue providing public safety services. Our mission is to secure and maintain a safe community for all citizens and we will continue to do so.” (Sheriff Brian Schenck)

Please contact Sheriff Brian Schenck if you have any questions at 315-253-4337 or by email at Sheriff@cayugacounty.us.

Thank you.