



It's Bigger Than Just 5%...

Folks, I want to talk about an important issue. I've been reviewing town patrol contracts because I know this is a concern to many. The documents I have looked at thus far have this clause (shown below) on them, allowing the sheriff to be paid up to 5% of the value of the contract. Now I want to be clear: this is not illegal. It is allowed by current law. That doesn't make it right. I got into law enforcement to help the community I serve, not line my pockets with commission money. If elected your sheriff, I will NEVER take a single dime of money from a contract. In my opinion, it is unbecoming of the office and law enforcement in general. The thought of taking extra cash from taxpayer funds when I would already have a decent salary absolutely sickens me. The money is far better served developing the department, being spent on staff compensation, training, equipment or extra patrol hours around our county. Anything else but being deposited to my bank account.

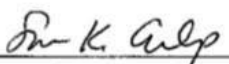
I am not perfect. Nobody is. But you don't have to be perfect to be a good steward of taxpayer funds. Rest assured: one thing I will NEVER do is accept commissions for any contract. I wish everybody else felt that way.

How can you help? Hold me to this promise. Share this post. No commission money from contracts in Caledonia County, ever.

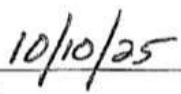
17. Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. section 291a the Sheriff of the County, as administrator of the agreement may be compensated at a rate of up to 5% of the total contract. (Included, not added to the contract) and shall be paid in the same calendar year in which the contract payments are received by the Department under the contract.



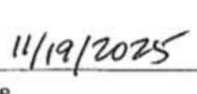
Brandon Thrallkill, Sheriff



Chairman, Select Board



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