



DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office

JAYSON RICHARDSON
SHERIFF



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United States Deputy Sheriff's Association
David Hanners
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Director Hanners,

As you know, the DeSoto Parish Sheriff's Office recently lost our sister, Deputy Donna Richardson-Below, to a tragic car accident while serving on duty, February 12, 2020. Immediately after the news broke, our offices were overwhelmed by the amount of support, acts of kindness, donations, and assistance from our community and abroad. Through this tragedy, our staff has been inspired by the show of support we have experienced from every corner of this great nation.

As Sheriff of DeSoto Parish, I want to sincerely thank you for your thoughts, prayers, and donation. The monetary donation you sent was a wonderful gesture of kindness and has been shared with Deputy Richardson's family who are eternally grateful. It was your support and thoughtfulness that brought a little sunshine into a very dark day. I am grateful for people, such as yourself, who played a key role in assisting our Deputies and Deputy Richardson's family through this healing process.

Donna was a kind soul with big faith and a big heart for everyone she came in contact with. Her memory is one we will not only cherish, but your personal kindness during this tragic time served as a reminder of the very essence of her very giving and compassionate character. Her outlook on life and how she treated others is something we can all appreciate and learn from. Thank you again for reminding us that there are not just good people in the world, but that some are willing to go over and beyond out of the kindness of their heart.

With my sincerest gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jayson Richardson', written over a horizontal line.

Sheriff Jayson Richardson
DeSoto Parish, Louisiana