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### **Selma City School District Hires Two School Resource Officers**

Starting June 1, 2024, the Selma City School (SCS) District will welcome two dedicated school resource officers, Gregory Johnson and Jamie Martin. This strategic partnership between the Selma City Police Department and the SCS is a shared commitment to the safety and well-being of our community. These officers will serve as the crucial links between the city's police department, the Selma Board of Education, and our schools, offering information and solutions to potential issues.

Officer Gregory Johnson expresses his enthusiasm, saying, "I am thrilled to return home and contribute to making the Selma City School district one of the safest in the state." His dedication to the safety of the school system is evident.

Officers Johnson and Martin will be on duty from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, primarily serving Selma High School, R.B. Hudson STEAM Academy, and the Alternative School. They will extend their support to other schools upon request. Their primary goal is to cultivate a sense of community and shared responsibility for everyone's well-being, whether they are inside the buildings or conducting routine patrols on each campus.

"I want to provide a safe learning environment for our faculty and children," says School Resource Officer Jamie Martin. "Hopefully, the students will approach us with the challenges they may have with their peers and out in the community so we can address their safety concerns."

Selma City Schools hopes to build a "triad" concept model. The triad concept divides the SRO's responsibilities into three areas: teacher, counselor, and law enforcer.

"We believe this initiative will contribute to a safer and more supportive environment for our students and staff," says School Superintendent Zickeyous Byrd. "Not only are our officers highly trained, but we also anticipate they will serve in multifaceted roles such as mentors, initial first responders, and counselors when called upon."

Superintendent Byrd says the school district anticipates hiring a third school resource officer in the upcoming months.