

# Clay County Sheriff's Office

**Sheriff Will Akin**



**Undersheriff Jeff Self**

*Embrace Change... Create Value... Inspire Others...*

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Law enforcement partners,

I wanted to make you aware that a television crew will be filming in the Clay County Detention Center's booking area early next year. Langley Productions, the creator of *COPS*, will film the show *JAIL* starting Jan. 13. They will be here for six to eight weeks, primarily during the 3 to 11 p.m. shift.

Langley describes *JAIL* as "a pro-law enforcement program. Our mission is to highlight the professionalism, dedication, and humanity of deputies while showcasing the challenging and often dangerous nature of their work. At a time when the public often overlooks the sacrifices law enforcement professionals make, our series serves as a powerful reminder of the men and women who help keep our communities safe."

With 40 seasons of *COPS*, Langley Productions has a proven history of creating programming that portrays law enforcement in a positive light.

We are excited about this opportunity to showcase the amazing people we have working in the Detention Center, and to give our community a behind-the-scenes look at the kind of work they do. We are hopeful this will serve as a recruitment tool and build support for the Sheriff's Office.

Many of your officers will be bringing arrests into our jail during this period, so I wanted to let you and them know what to expect.

## **Waivers**

Deputies/Officers/Troopers and arrestees may be filmed when entering the facility. They will not appear in the show unless they specifically sign a waiver, which is, of course, optional. Producers may ask law enforcement why the arrestee has been brought to jail, but otherwise, law enforcement should continue to carry out their duties as normal.

## **Review**

As part of our signed agreement with Langley Productions, we have right of review

and revision over any segments they intend to air. If your officer appears in the segment, we will extend that right to you and will share the segment to give you the opportunity to voice any concerns. We must provide any notes regarding content within 10 working days.

**Air Dates and Outlets**

Langley Productions has indicated the segments filmed at the Clay County Detention Center will air in the second half of 2026. They are set to air on REELZ, Vizio, Roku, Freevee, Merit Street Media, Local Now, and Law & Crime TV.

**Publicity**

Langley Productions has asked us not to share publicly that they are here until their crews have concluded filming, both for the protection of their employees and so people don't purposefully try to go to jail to be on TV. They should wrap up filming in late February or early March, and I will advise you when that is. Afterward, if you know that one of your staff members will be featured in a segment and would like to share that publicly, feel free to do so.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Public Relations Manager Sarah Boyd at 816-407-3834 or [sarah.boyd@sheriffclayco.com](mailto:sarah.boyd@sheriffclayco.com).

Thank you for your consideration,



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