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## **New Magistrate Appointed in Kanawha County**

For immediate release Tuesday, October 4, 2022

CHARLESTON, W.Va. – Kanawha County Sheriff’s Department Sgt. Leslie Grace has been appointed to be a magistrate in Kanawha County.

Thirteenth Judicial Circuit (Kanawha County) Chief Judge Jennifer Bailey appointed Sgt. Grace on October 3 to fill the vacancy left by the death of Magistrate Mike Sisson, who passed away September 1.

Sgt. Grace will begin work October 24. His term will run through December 31, 2024.

“We were very saddened by the death of Mike Sisson,” Judge Bailey said. “There were a lot of good candidates.”

Sgt. Grace has been a Kanawha County Sheriff’s Deputy for more than 20 years and has been the bailiff in Judge Bailey’s court for seven years. He previously served three years as a police officer in Clendenin. He will retire from the sheriff’s department to take this job.

“He is a hardworking, trustworthy and honest person with outstanding integrity and has had a life-long dedication to our system of justice,” Judge Bailey said. “I believe he will be a fair and impartial judicial officer and will work hard to serve the citizens of Kanawha County.”

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