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THEFT AND DAMAGE OF CAMPAIGN SIGNS

With election season upon us, Taney County Prosecuting Attorney, Jeff Merrell and Sheriff Jimmie Russell would like to remind everybody to be respectful of campaign signs placed throughout our community.

Individuals that are caught stealing campaign signs or damaging campaign signs face up to a year in jail and/or a \$1,000 dollar fine for each sign. If you are caught in possession of stolen signs you could face up to six months in jail and/or a fine not to exceed \$500 for each individual sign. Finally, please remember to ask before placing campaign signs on a person's property. Trespassing carries a punishment of up to a \$200.00 fine for each individual occurrence.

If you have information of any theft or damage of campaign signs please call the non-emergency number for your local law enforcement agency below.

Taney County Sheriff's Department: 546-7250

Branson Police Department: 337-8532

Hollister Police Department: 334-6565

Forsyth Police Department: 546-3731

Rockaway Beach Police Department: 561-4471

Merriam Woods Police Department: 561-1001

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MAIN OFFICE: (417) 546-7260 | FAX: (417) 546-2376

BAD CHECKS: (417) 546-7261 | FAX: (417) 546-3184

VICTIM/WITNESS: (417) 546-7263 | CHILD SUPPORT: (417) 546-7264