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Sheriff J.E. "Chip" Harding Albemarle County Sheriff's Department 411 E. High Street Bldg B Charlottesville, VA 22902

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Sheriff Dana Lawhorne Alexandria Sheriff's Office 2003 Mill Road Alexandria, VA 22314

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Sherriff Kevin Hall Allegheny County Sheriff's Office 268 W. Main St Covington, VA 24426

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Sheriff Ricky Walker Amelia County Sheriff's Office P.O. Box 463 Amelia, VA 23002

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Sheriff Beth Arthur Arlington County Sheriff's Office 1425 N. Courthouse Rd., Suite 9100 Arlington, VA 22201

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Sheriff W.G. "Billy" Kidd Jr. Buckingham County Sheriff's Office P.O. Box 50 Buckingham, VA 23921

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Sheriff Scott Stanley Dickenson County Sheriff's Office P.O. Box 339 Clintwood, VA 24228

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Sheriff D.T. "Duck" Adams Dinwiddie County Sheriff's Office PO Box 120 Dinwiddie, VA 23841

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Sheriff D. Keith Prince Jr. Emporia Sheriff's Office 401 D South Main Street Emporia, VA 23847

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Sheriff S. Stephen Bittle Falls Church Sheriff's Office 300 Park Ave, Suite 201 W Falls Church, VA 22046

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Sheriff Robert Mosier Fauquier County Sheriff's Office 78 W Lee St Warrenton, VA 20186

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Sheriff W.Q. "Bill" Overton Franklin Sheriff's Office 70 E Court St, Suite 101 Rocky Mount, VA 24151

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Sheriff Lenny Millholland Frederick County Sheriff's Office 1080 Coverstone Dr Winchester, VA 22602

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Sheriff Darrell Warren Jr. Gloucester County Sheriff's Office 7502 Justice Dr Gloucester, VA 23061

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Sheriff Lane Perry Henry County Sheriff's Office 3250 Kings Mountain Rd Martinsville, VA 24112

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Sheriff Steve Kephart Jr. Hopewell Sheriff's Office P.O. Box 1193 Hopewell, VA 23860

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Sheriff Steve F. Dempsey King George County Sheriff's Office 10445 Government Center Boulevard King George, VA 22485

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Sheriff J.S. "Jeff" Walton King William County Sheriff's Office 351 Courthouse Lane, Suite 160 King William, VA 23086

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Sheriff Patrick McCranie Lancaster County Sheriff's Office 8293 Mary Ball Rd Lancaster, VA 22503

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Sheriff Gary Parsons Lee County Sheriff's Office (Virginia) P.O. Box 177 Jonesville, VA 24263

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Sheriff Michael Chapman Loudoun County Sheriff's Office P.O. Box 7200 Leesburg, VA 20177

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Sheriff Arthur Townsend, Jr. Lunenburg County Sheriff's Office 160 Courthouse Square Lunenburg, VA 23952

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Sheriff C.H. Partin Montgomery County Sheriff's Office 1 E Main St Christiansburg, VA 24073

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Sheriff Joe McLaughlin, Jr. New Kent County Sheriff's Office P.O. Box 186 New Kent, VA 23124

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Sheriff Vanessa Crawford Petersburg Sheriff's Office 8 Courthouse Ave Petersburg, VA 23803

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Sheriff Michael Moore Portsmouth Sheriff's Office 701 Crawford St Portsmouth, VA 23704

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Sheriff Brad Nunnally Powhatan County Sheriff's Office P.O. Box 133 Powhatan, VA 23139

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Sheriff H.E. "Bucky" Allin, III Prince George County Sheriff's Office P.O. Box 366 Prince George, VA 23875

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Sheriff Connie Compton Rappahannock County Sheriff's Office P.O. Box 487 Washington, VA 22747

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Sheriff B.C. "Chip" Shuler Smyth County Sheriff's Office 819 Matson Drive Marion, VA 24354

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Sheriff Roger Harris Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office P.O. Box 124 Spotsylvania, VA 22553

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Sheriff Joe Harris, Jr. Waynesboro Sheriff's Office P.O. Box 189 Waynesboro, VA 22980

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Sheriff C.O. Balderson Westmoreland County Sheriff's Office PO Box 305 Montross, VA 22520

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Sheriff Robert Deeds Williamsburg-James Sheriff's Office 5201 Monticello Ave # 5 Williamsburg, VA 23188

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Sheriff Les Taylor Winchester Sheriff's Office 5 North Kent Street Winchester, VA 22601

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Sheriff Shelley Ward York County-Poquoson Sheriff's Office P.O. Box 99 Yorktown, VA 23690

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