



*State of North Carolina
General Court of Justice
Prosecutorial District Four*

SCOTT E. THOMAS
DISTRICT ATTORNEY

PH: (252) 639-3010
FX: (252) 639-3131

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

JULY 1, 2020

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY STATEMENT REGARDING FORMER
PAMLICO COUNTY DEPUTY JEREMY LEE**

Bayboro, North Carolina – District Attorney Scott Thomas provided the following information regarding recent reports involving former Pamlico County Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Lee:

After consultation with Pamlico County Sheriff Chris Davis, District Attorney Scott Thomas has, earlier today, secured the appointment of a Special Prosecutor from the North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys to review any formal complaints filed with the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office regarding former Deputy Sheriff Jeremy Lee. The Special Prosecutor will have the independent authority to investigate any filed complaints and take any legal action deemed appropriate, based upon the facts and applicable law. If any additional investigative assistance is needed, it will be conducted by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation.

Former Deputy Lee was terminated from his employment on Monday, June 29, 2020. The request from District Attorney Thomas was made in the interests of justice to avoid any local potential conflicts in Pamlico County. District Attorney Thomas specifically requested that the assigned prosecutor conduct a review, independent from his office, to determine if any criminal charges are justified, and to handle the subsequent prosecution if any charges are filed. The assigned prosecutor will contact Sheriff Davis directly to obtain any complaints and contact information for any complainants.

In light of the assignment of a Special Prosecutor, the Office of the District Attorney will have no further authority or information to provide to the public regarding this matter. Any future inquiries should be directed to the North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys.

###