



**For Immediate Release:**

**Today's Date:**

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**Media Advisory:**

The City of Melrose gets some special attention from its unique geography. Melrose is a small community predominantly in Putnam County and encompasses Alachua, Clay and Bradford Counties as well. Four counties come together there and split the city. Alachua, Bradford, Clay and Putnam Counties all have a part of the jurisdiction. This overlay of jurisdictions in one city used to present jurisdictional issues for the four sheriff's offices involved, but on March 24, 2008, the first Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed. The original MOU that ran through April 15, 2009, allowed deputies from one agency to pursue a violent felony offender across county lines into another agency's jurisdiction. The first MOU was called the "Four Corners Cops Without Borders."

Recognizing the importance of the agreement, it was renewed in 2011 & 2013. The four current Sheriffs, Sadie Darnell (Alachua County), Gordon Smith (Bradford County), Darryl Daniels (Clay County) and Homer "Gator" DeLoach III (Putnam County) will gather once again to renew the agreement for the fifth time. This is a truly unique agreement and shows the commitment of the four Sheriffs to keeping the community safe.

Please join with us on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m. for this special signing event. The signing will take place at Mossman Hall, 301 State Road 26, Melrose, Florida.

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