



WHO I AM

Over twenty years in uniform. Three generations here.

I am an Army Airborne Ranger, a combat veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan, a sworn Illinois investigator with statewide jurisdiction, and a Marion County Board member. I was born in Centralia, grew up in Odin, and graduated from Salem Community High School. My wife Crea and I are raising six children in Centralia.

My grandfather, Norman Leroy Rose, was one of Marion County's early deputies. My father, Norman Alan Rose, gave nearly thirty years to this work in Centralia, on the Southern Illinois Drug Task Force, and at a statewide agency. I am the third generation of my family to wear a badge here.

I am running as a write-in so the voters, not a caucus, decide who the Sheriff is. I am on leave from my job without pay or benefits for the whole campaign.

Law enforcement

2020 TO PRESENT

Investigator, Illinois statewide agency

Illinois Statewide Investigative Task Force, statewide jurisdiction. Assistant Team Leader, SWAT, since 2024. SWAT operator 2021 to 2024.

2019 TO 2021

Federal Task Force Officer

Special Federal Officer, FBI Violent Crime Task Force. Special Deputy U.S. Marshal, Metro East Safe Streets Task Force. Violent crime and gang cases.

2018 TO 2020

Gang Intelligence and Patrol Officer, Centralia PD

Assistant Team Leader, High Risk Entry Team, 2019 and 2020.

2017 TO 2018

Police Officer, Farina PD

Rural patrol and investigations, where the officer on duty handles the whole call.

LABOR

Fraternal Order of Police representative

Elected by peers at Centralia PD and later at the statewide agency's lodge. Endorsed by Illinois FOP Lodge 95.

Recognition

Illinois FOP Meritorious Award

Response to the ambush of a police officer and arrest of the suspect.

Illinois SOS Police Achievement Award

Locating and apprehending the suspect who killed Deputy Sean Riley, a Marion County native.

Kids First Award, 2022

Missing Person Awareness Network.

Unit Citation and commendations

Statewide agency; Centralia PD.

Military service

UNITED STATES ARMY

Airborne Ranger infantry, twelve and a half years

Thirty-six months of combat deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan. Honorably discharged as a Sergeant First Class.

Ranger School graduate and Senior Instructor

Returned to teach at the Army's premier leadership school. Doctrine writer.

Staff Sergeant, Combat Search and Rescue "Pathfinders"

Led combat operations, logistics, training, and mission planning for a specialized air mobile infantry platoon in an Assault Aviation Battalion Task Force. Specializing in executive protection, combat search and rescue, battle damage assessment, vehicle interdiction, reconnaissance and surveillance, air-to-ground fires integration, and advanced medical treatment.

Senior Operations NCO, 101st Airborne

Training, personnel, intelligence, and fires for an air assault infantry battalion. Managed its calendar and budget.

Meritorious Service Medal

Combat Infantryman Badge

Expert Infantryman Badge

Ranger Tab

Parachutist Badge

County government

2024 TO PRESENT

Marion County Board, District 4

Law Enforcement Committee. EMA and Homeland Security liaison. I read the Sheriff's bills every month, so I already know what the jail costs.

South Central Illinois Regional Planning and Development Commission

Board member. 2024 delegate, Illinois Republican State Convention.

WHAT I WILL DO WITH THE OFFICE

Seven goals. All of them checkable.

I will not promise deputies I cannot fund or a crime wave I cannot prove. The Sheriff's Office already runs about 21.72% of county spending. The answer is money that is not the county's.

01 Open the books on the jail

A plain monthly report: population, medical spend, overtime, transport cost. Right now nobody can tell you what the jail costs.

02 Finish the capital list already on the record

Jail cameras, floors, transport vans, vehicles. Each is a liability item, not just maintenance. Finish it with a written priority list.

03 Target the one trend that is actually rising

Theft from vehicles went from 41 in 2023 to 160 in 2025. Directed patrol where and when it happens. No new positions required.

04 Fix the county's reporting picture

Some agencies here have stopped reporting crime to the state. Convene the chiefs and close the gaps. You cannot win grants without data.

05 Bring in outside money, not more county money

I already rebuilt the county's federal grant capability: brought its accounts back online and consolidated them, with an active SAM registration, UEI, and GATA registration. I am building an automated system that finds suitable grants for every agency in the county's Emergency Operations Plan. That machinery comes with me.

06 Answer the phone, and work the crash

Response time in the outer townships is the complaint I hear most. Too long for a deputy to arrive, and people waiting hours on a trooper after a wreck while a deputy drives by. That ends: if a deputy is on scene, the deputy works the crash. I will publish response times by township and be measured on them.

07 License plate readers: written policy first, no new cameras

Every search tied to a case number. Audit logs reviewed by someone who did not run the search. Marion County data stays in Marion County.

Where I stand

Constitutional rights are not negotiable. A Sheriff swears an oath to a Constitution, not to a mood. Twenty years carrying it; I will not start reading it selectively now.

Marion County solves Marion County. Shared equipment, shared training, honest mutual aid. Decisions stay local.

Back the people who answer the call. I still do this job. Endorsed by Illinois FOP Lodge 95.

Transparency is a conservative value. I publish what I find, including the findings that do not help me.

Accountability from arrest to sentence. When a case fails, I find out where it broke and the public knows. Neighboring counties make the same law work. So can we.

How to write me in

Every Marion County voter gets the same ballot, whatever your party. Two steps. Both required.

1 Print CODY ROSE

on the write-in line
under Sheriff. Block
letters. No title, no party.

2 Fill in the oval

next to that line. A
name with an empty oval
is not counted.

FOR SHERIFF (Vote for one)



Printed candidate



CODY ROSE

Write-in

Do not mark anyone else in that contest. Same steps by mail and at early voting. County Clerk: (618) 548-3852.

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votecodyrose.com/handout

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