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Please read the following Press Release from Sheriff Bateman

I will begin by saying I categorically deny ever assaulting my wife. We had an emotional family dispute which led the police to come to our home. My wife and I fully cooperated with the police. Simply, no criminal actions took place just a very emotional argument between a husband and wife. I love my wife dearly and I am confident she loves me. I am committed to working through this with her through counselling to address the issues that transpired yesterday evening.

If one of our deputy sheriff's was charged with second degree assault as a result of a domestic dispute, that deputy sheriff would be placed in an administrative status and his police powers would be suspended. I have decided to come back to work in an administrative capacity only. I will not be treated any differently than I would treat one of my deputies. Colonel Tabor will be handling the day to day operations of the Sheriff's Office until this case is adjudicated.

I have spent my entire adult life in law enforcement and have never or would ever commit a criminal act. I would ask the citizens of this great county to permit me to carry out the duties of my office that I was elected by the people to do. I will stay focused and continue to work diligently as your Sheriff to carry out our mission.

We would ask the media to respect our privacy and let us work through this as husband and wife.