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**Sheriff Candidate: Journal News Investigation Reveals that “Putnam County is Being Policed by a Criminal”**

**PHILIPSTOWN** – An investigative report by the *Journal News*, released today, reveals that Putnam County Sheriff Don Smith’s lies and abuse of office are far more extensive than first believed. Earlier this year, Smith admitted that he lied in press releases regarding former Putnam County District Attorney Adam Levy, and Levy’s personal trainer, Alexandru Hossu. The *Journal News* discovered that Smith used the same admitted lie in letters to the Governor, the New York State Attorney General, the FBI, and other Federal authorities, asking them to investigate Levy. Smith sent these letters in his official capacity, on Putnam County Sheriff’s Office letterhead.

The *Journal News* further found that Smith committed perjury under oath, when he lied in a sworn deposition about his contacts with the Department of Homeland Security concerning Levy.

<http://www.lohud.com/story/news/2017/09/28/putnam-sheriff-smith-levy/703922001/>

“This investigation reveals that Putnam County is being policed by a criminal,” said Sheriff candidate Robert L. Langley, Jr. “Smith lied over and over again, over a three year period. Smith’s lies are costing taxpayers money—a lot of money. We’ve already paid \$125,000 for his settlement with Levy. Now we’re likely to pay millions of dollars to settle the civil rights case with Alexandru Hossu. What further wrongdoings will be revealed about Smith? How much more will we pay for his criminality?”

“The people of Putnam County have paid Smith to protect us,” said Langley. “Instead, he committed fraud and violated the public trust; he spent nearly his entire last term fabricating charges in a personal vendetta. Smith is a bully with badge—a badge we pay for.”

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