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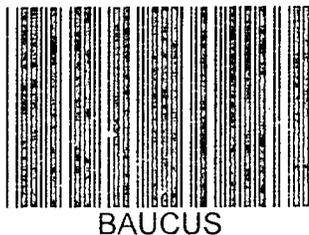
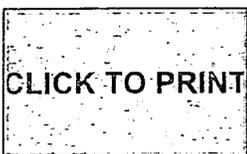
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# Statement for the Montana Swearing-In of New US Marshal Darrell J. Bell

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**Date:** February 4, 2011 – 3:00 PM

**Location:** James F. Battin Courthouse, Billings MT

**Number of Expected Attendees:** 25-50 people

**Podium:** Yes

**Order of Speakers:** You are the first speaker following the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief introduction by Deputy Marshall Rod Ostermiller. Billings Police Chief Rich St. John and Deputy Marshal Ostermiller will follow you.

**Objective of Statement:** Congratulate and celebrate Marshal Bell's appointment.

**I am so happy to be here today with you all to celebrate Darrell on his new job as U.S. Marshal for Montana. He is a great guy, a terrific law enforcement officer, and the right man for this job.**

**He has worked his way up the ladder and has excelled every step of the way. He will do well and will help ensure that our communities are safe and that Montana continues to be a great place to live and raise a family.**

**I also want to thank Darrell's wife, Dawn and his children, Lindsay and Brent for supporting him.**

**We all know that when someone chooses a career in law enforcement, they are willing to put their lives on the line for others – and that’s a sacrifice family members must also be willing to shoulder.**

**We also have a very special guest I want to recognize: a beautiful young lady – Darrell’s mother, Jo Bell. It’s so great to see you.**

**Darrell is not only a former police chief from right here in Billings. He started out as a patrolman in the Billings Police Department in 1974. He spent over 30 years working his way up the ranks.**

**He was a sergeant, then a lieutenant in the Operations Division, and then a captain for Investigations, Training, and Support. For five years he was a Deputy Chief of that same division, before stepping into his role as Chief of the Department.**

**Darrell's great track record is pretty well known.**

**Now, I want to share a few tidbits with you about Darrell...that you might not know.**

**Every year a group of his friends and brothers go on a big hunting trip.**

**Darrell has always taken great pride in organizing the menu. He keeps the camp kitchen in order. He takes this job VERY seriously.**

**He does such a great job and is so dedicated that his brothers and friends are known to call him "Martha" ---as in Martha Stewart.**

**But, I don't recommend anyone here EVER attempt to use this nickname on our new Marshal. Have you seen the gun in his holster?**

**Another thing you might not know about Darrell is that he is one heck of a golfer.**

**Even though his old cop buddies try to tease him for spending too much time in the rough – the truth is he’s a great shot.**

**In fact, this year, he got his first hole-in-one  
EVER.**

**It was the 17<sup>th</sup> hole, 178 yards. But, the Laurel Golf Club newsletter erroneously reported he achieved this feat with a “7 wood” instead of a “7 iron.” If you know anything about golf, you know this mistake has made Darrell the brunt of many jokes for using an “old man’s club.”**

**Let's set the record straight once and for all and clear our good friend's name – it was indeed a 7 iron. And Darrell – I believe that your hole-in-one this year is just as sign of many good things ahead for you and our community thanks to all your hard work and dedication.**

**In fact, just a couple weeks ago – I joined Darrell in Billings as he led a roundtable discussion with some of the top law enforcement and justice officials in the area where I saw his leadership and commitment to teamwork really take center stage.**

**He has built a long track record of bringing folks together for the common good. I have no doubt Darrell is the right man for this job.**

**Congratulations to Darrell and the whole team here at the U.S. Marshal's service.**

**I have one final bit of advice for everyone here.**

**Watch your back with Darrell. Even though he is one of the most professional cops in all of**

**Montana....he's also one of the best pranksters.**

**If you don't believe me, just ask his brother Jay who found a dead snake wrapped around his golf club...courtesy of Darrell.**

**Jay and others will swear by this: you never know  
when Darrell's gonna get you.**

**Darrell, I'm proud of you – go get 'em!**