

Rep. Jason Ellis officially announces his candidacy for Broome County Sheriff

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BINGHAMTON, N.Y. - A man with nearly 30 years of experience in law enforcement is running for Broome County Sheriff against his former boss.

Republican Jason Ellis officially announced his candidacy for the position over the weekend.

He began his career in 1989 as a Special Deputy at the old Broome County Jail and worked for the Sheriff's Office until retiring in 2005 as a Detective Sergeant.

More recently, he's worked as a Lead Investigator under District Attorney Steve Cornwell, a position he stepped down from to run for Sheriff.

Ellis wants to focus on combating heroin while supporting addicts, along with fiscal responsibility and advocating for Sheriff's Office employees.

Ellis says he can bring a new vision to the position.

"The new perspective bring is some new, vibrant eyes along with people who are passionate about law enforcement. The people I would bring on my team are within the Sheriff's Office and they're passionate about the Sheriff's Office. We'll take a whole new perspective on the agency," said Ellis.

NewsChannel 34 spoke with Sheriff Dave Harder Tuesday afternoon who has been elected to five terms as Sheriff.

He says he has not decided on whether or not he will run again and plans on making that decision after the first of the year.

If he does run, the two candidates could face off in a primary election next September.

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