



# GREENE COUNTY **SHERIFF**

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## News Release

*For Immediate Release:*

### Sheriff's Response to the Missouri State Auditor's Report

In 2019 the Greene County Commission requested the Missouri State Auditor to conduct an audit of all Greene County government operations. Over the past 16 months the Greene County Sheriff's Office has been the subject of this audit process. During this period of time, Sheriff's staff have devoted over 3000 man hours and provided thousands of documents to the Missouri State Auditor. Today, we are pleased to have received the audit report from Nicole Galloway with a "Good" rating.

The Greene County Sheriff's Office is eager to implement as many recommended processes as possible to ensure compliance with all laws and established policies. Transparency and public trust have always been the driving forces behind the operations of the sheriff's office. Since Sheriff Arnott took office in 2009, he has worked closely with the Greene County Auditor to review and improve existing processes, perform internal audits and develop procedures intended to protect tax payer dollars.

The Greene County Sheriff's Office appreciates the professionalism exhibited by the state auditor's staff throughout this lengthy process. As a result of this audit, many of the recommendations made by the state auditor have been implemented or soon will be. During this audit process, the Greene County Sheriff's Office has not been made aware of any fraud, misuse or loss of county assets, however recognizes the need to evaluate and change some accounting processes to ensure that this is always the case.

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