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The following is a statement from Sheriff Scott Kane

"We are in an incredibly volatile time in our country, a time driven by politics and hateful rhetoric. Words and actions matter. We all need to be better at carefully choosing how we act and what we say especially in such a charged atmosphere. As a society we must return to civil discourse, and whenever possible give each other the benefit of the doubt. Today, I renew my commitment to live out those values as Hancock County Sheriff.

Over the past few years law enforcement has come under microscopic scrutiny. For some, those who wear a badge are viewed in a negative light. Quite frankly, that's wrong. It is also wrong to assume that those who are passionate about improving race relations in America are only advocating to defund the police and inflict harm on those who swear to protect and serve.

I could have handled the situation regarding Recovery Coaches from Healthy Acadia differently. It was an emotional reaction to words said and positions taken by some in the Black Lives Matter movement specifically against law enforcement. The Hancock County Sheriff's Office will continue working for all people regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, gender, and sexual orientation.

As we move forward, I would ask that everyone have the patience and understanding with each other as we navigate the complex and multi-faceted issues of our time."