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Kendall County Sheriff's Offices Hires Three New Deputies

The Kendall County Sheriff's Office has hired three individuals to fill vacancies in the Patrol and Corrections Division. Two Patrol Deputies and One Corrections Deputy were sworn in by Sheriff Dwight Baird on January 3, 2019.

Christian Slinkard, originally from Peotone, was sworn in as a Patrol Deputy. Deputy Slinkard attended the Kankakee Community College, where he earned an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice before being hired by the Kendall County Sheriff's Office.

Michael Smith, originally from Lemont, was also sworn in as a Patrol Deputy. Deputy Smith graduated with a Masters Degree in Education from Lewis University before working as a Corrections Deputy at the Kendall County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Smith will transfer from the Corrections Division to the Patrol Division.

Both Deputy Slinkard and Deputy Smith will attend the Basic Police Training Academy beginning January 7, 2019 for 14 weeks. Upon successful completion, the two Deputies will be paired with an experienced field training officer, to undergo a 14 week field training program.

Chase Wetenkamp, originally from Wisconsin, was sworn in as a Corrections Deputy. Deputy Wetenkamp attended the University of Wisconsin at Oshkosh, and earned a degree in Sociology, before working for Kendall County Court Services as a Probations Officer. Deputy Wetenkamp will attend the 5 week Corrections Academy, starting February 18, 2019 before being paired with an experienced corrections field training officer for an 11 week field training program.