



January 10, 2020

On the date of January 9, 2020, we had an incident on Highway 51 South in Ariton, Alabama. This is an incident that could've ended in a crisis. Instead it ended peacefully with no one getting hurt and no property damaged caused by law enforcement. In a situation as in the one we had on yesterday, the outcome is one that we all wish for. I'd like to thank the Houston County Sheriff's Office, Dale County Sheriff's Office, Alabama State Patrol, Abbeville Police Department, Chief Gene Hamrick, & Barbour County Sheriff's Office. Sheriff Olson (Dale County Sheriff) Sheriff Valenza (Houston County Sheriff) were both present and remained until the very end. Finally, I'd like to thank Barbour County Commissioner Stan Adams. I received a call from Commissioner Adams asking if there was anything he could do or provide. He offered lunch for all the officers there. I told him that lunch had been taken care of but thanked him for the offer. Again, these men and women showed an enormous amount of professionalism and for that I thank them all. May god continue to bless our law enforcement families during their day to day adventures.

Tyrone Smith, Sheriff, Barbour County

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tyrone Smith".