

Sheriff Coverley

Media Briefing Statement

Judicial and Law Enforcement Building at 9:30 a.m.

(Briefing Transcript)

“I first want to start off by thanking you for being here today. I want to take a moment to address you all and then we’ll open this up for a few questions

I want to say that I love this community. My focus has always been and always will be protecting it.

We are here today to address today’s protest. We understand that recent correspondence between myself and the Douglas County Library have made national media attention and may be the reason that you are here today.

For the record, we support the library and the services they provide. We will continue to protect and serve them and all citizens and visitors to Douglas County.

We respect each individual’s right to peacefully assemble and to exercise their first amendment. However, we will not tolerate the destruction of property or personal injury.

Douglas County Sheriff’s Office is committed to fair policing and treating everyone in an impartial, equitable, and objective manner with respect and in accordance with the law.

Again, free speech is important and we value citizen’s free speech rights. We are asking for the attendees to help ensure this event is peaceful, remains a place for free speech and that everyone follows the law.

Douglas County is my home. It’s where I chose to live and raise my family. I’m proud to have grown up here. I’m proud to be a resident of Douglas County. I’m proud to be a native Nevadan.

I believe everyone should feel safe in their community. And the relationship between the sheriff’s office and its citizens is extremely important to me.

And with that, I’ll take some questions.”