

GRADY COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT

FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Hello citizens. Your Sheriff's Department is proud to serve you. We are working hard to prevent crime and keep you and your family safe. Recently our department has dealt with many family issues. It's heart breaking when families are struggling economically and mentally. This past week we investigated 2 suicides. One was family oriented; the other person is a John Doe. My heart goes out to the families of these victims. I have issues when people take their own lives because of money and family problems. This type of person only hurts themselves and immediate family and friends.

Money and making a family is not why we are on this earth. We are on this earth to serve our God and find a spouse to "start a family." That is why we live in communities. Some say they want to give back to their community, "It is not what you can give back to your community, it is how you live in your community." We live in our communities for several reasons. But the main reason is to raise a family and provide for them. "Not to make a family." I have seen several mothers and fathers who have given up on each other and decide to end it with divorce or separation. That is easy. We as humans always try to take the easy way out; either through divorce, separation, alcohol, drugs and sometimes suicide. Either way, we have lost all concept of why we are here.

I look at most problems dealing with our society and the number one problem is not drugs, "It is character." Character is defined as the pattern of behavior or personality found in an individual or group; moral strength; self-discipline, fortitude. So why is there less character? I do not have the answer. As a citizen both young and old; ask yourself this question. If your answer is moral strength, then you have character.

Please do us all a favor, if someone in your family is struggling because of money and family issues, please remind them you care and get them help before it's too late. Call a pastor or a person that cares and maybe you can make a difference in their life.