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Sheriff and Deputies Honored By Department of Health and Human Services

Bedford, VA - On October 6, 2011, Sheriff Mike Brown and eighteen of his deputies were honored in a special ceremony, closed to the media, at the sheriff's office in Bedford. An award letter for conducting the preliminary investigation that led to a major federal fraud investigation was presented to Sheriff Brown by Special Agent in Charge Junius Nottingham, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC. Also in attendance were Special Agents Corcoran and Slease.

The award letter noted the great support the sheriff's office provided during the investigation and the professionalism that was exhibited by the sheriff's office personnel. Special Agent in Charge Nottingham said; *"The Bedford County Sheriff's Office was exceedingly helpful and opened all available resources for our operation. Their dedication to early hours and surveillance of the target provided our agents with information that led to a very successful operation. The citizens of Bedford County should be extremely pleased with their sheriff's office, I know I am."*

It is not often that representatives of our federal government travels outside of the Beltway to congratulate anyone...we were extremely honored to have these representatives here for this presentation.

We were asked not to release any additional information about the investigation until the case had cleared the federal judicial track.

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