

Anne Arundel sheriff files for re-election

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2 Anne Arundel County Sheriff Ronald S. Bateman opened his 2010 re-election campaign Tuesday, his 29th anniversary in law enforcement, after filing his candidate papers a day earlier — the first day that candidates could file.

“We are known for the aggressive way we serve arrest warrants,” said Bateman, 47, a retired police officer.

Among the methods are stings: invitations to pick up tax refund checks — the checks didn't exist — and Valentine's Day

deliveries from a truck with a logo reading: “Flowers By Ron, With An Arresting Bouquet.”

During his first campaign, he vowed to reduce the number of outstanding warrants, and they are down to 9,240 from 13,582 when he won election in 2006.

Among other accomplishments he has pointed to are fully staffing the office, adding a security dog trained in tracking and apprehension, and creating an emergency response team.

No Republican candidate has stepped forward to challenge the Democratic incumbent.