

Bateman launches 2010

re-election bid for sheriff

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Sheriff Ron Bateman announced Tuesday that he will run for a second term as Anne Arundel County's highest elected law enforcement officer. Bateman chose the anniversary of his 29th year fighting crime as the day to announce his 2010 re-election campaign.

Elected as sheriff three years ago, Bateman has made a large dent in reducing the enormous backlog of unserved warrants that had plagued the sheriff's office. He has become well-known for his creative and often humorous sting operations to track down lawbreakers.

In January, a boxing-themed "Rope A Dope" sting hauled in 28 people wanted on drug charges. In October 2007, Bateman's office lured 40 people wanted on warrants to the state tax office with the fake promise of a tax refund. And on Valentine's Day, the sheriff's office cleared 12 warrants by posing as delivery men with bouquets from "Flowers by Ron." For more information on Bateman's



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