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#### Brown Co. Sheriff Files to Retain Seat

The first candidate has filed for Brown County Sheriff---and that candidate is incumbent John Merchant(Play Audio :18 seconds)

Merchant, a Republican, filed today ( Wednesday ) for a second 4-year term, and says his focus, if reelected, will remain on child safety, and keeping all residents aware of ways from falling victim to potential dangers(Play Audio :25 seconds)

Merchant has served as sheriff since March 24, 2008 when he was appointed by the Brown County Republican Precinct Committee to fill the position left vacant by the resignation of Sheriff Lamar Shoemaker.

He then won election that November to a four-year term.

During his time as sheriff, Merchant says he's built strong relationships, and cites the efforts of his staff for the success of the office(Play Audio :16 seconds)

Candidates have until noon, June 1st to file.