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## NM Sheriff Deputized a Whole Church to Keep Doors Open During COVID, Exempting them from Lockdowns

Sheriffs are the last line of defense between a rogue government and citizens, argues the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (CSPOA), which recently held a major conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Alex Newman, a senior editor of The New American magazine, was in attendance and interviewed Glenn Hamilton, a sheriff from Sierra County, New Mexico.

Hamilton, who was a guest speaker at the CSPOA event, shared with Newman that during COVID-19, New Mexico's Governor, Michelle Lujan Grisham, discriminated against Christians, sending out on the eve of Easter a notification to citizens through the AMBER Alert system, informing citizens that churches were non-essential and were therefore closed.

Sheriff Hamilton helped keep the church doors open by utilizing an exception in the governor's order, allowing for law enforcement officers to be able to exempt from avoiding large gathering, and deputized an entire congregation to protect their right to assemble.

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