Amherst friends, if you haven't already voted to re-elect <u>W. Lyle Carver for Amherst Commonwealth's Attorney</u> please do so tomorrow.

Here are just 3 of Lyle's successes that I witnessed firsthand during his initial term in office, thanks to his experience & that of the legal talent he's always been able to recruit for you & your community:

- Edward Marshall's conviction for Murder, a case that Lyle inherited from his predecessor & had to speedily prepare for in order to successfully prosecute when she was elevated to the bench
- The homicide & Robbery convictions of Rodney Hamlette, Kaitlyn Webber, & Floyd Archie, Jr. for a crime they committed while Lyle was deployed to serve our great nation overseas
- Trevor Ewers' conviction for the Attempted Murder of a Law Enforcement Officer of which 2 Amherst Co. Sheriff's deputies were victims

In contrast to his opponent who admittedly has no criminal law experience, Lyle is the best candidate for @ least 3 reasons:

- No lawyer w/ criminal law experience worth a hoot will leave a (successful) career to work for an untested Commonwealth's Attorney. In today's hiring environment, Amherst is fortunate that Lyle's office is & always has been fully staffed w/ seasoned criminal law practitioners
- Lyle is the candidate w/ the experience to serve as a knowledgeable resource for his prosecutors, & to meaningfully advise investigators, town police officers, state troopers & local Sheriff's deputies in the performance of their duties
- Lyle is familiar w/ your community & its unique public safety challenges whereas his opponent historically hasn't lived or even ever maintained a law office in Amherst Co. & according to his website "recently moved" there , seemingly only to run for office & learning whatever he knows of the county's public safety needs as he campaigns

During any legal career there inevitably will be cases that for uncontrollable reasons yield what @ 1st blush may seem to be disappointing outcomes. Lyle's opponent bases his platform upon 1 or 2 such matters, mischaracterizing as a lack of transparency Lyle's ethical obligation under the Va. Rules of Professional Conduct not to publicly comment on cases that still may be tried to a jury; yet in fact, 1 such defendant already has been re-indicted.

Amherst Co. voters should see through his opponent's opportunism & vote for experience; vote for <u>William Lyle Carver</u>.

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