

Gov. Perdue Appoints District Attorney Scott Thomas Chair of the Governor's Crime Commission

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RALEIGH - Gov. Bev Perdue today appointed District Attorney Scott Thomas as chair of the Governor's Crime Commission. Perdue made the announcement while speaking to the North Carolina Sheriff's Association, where she emphasized the important role the crime commission plays in North Carolina's justice system.

"The Governor's Crime Commission will be an active voice in my administration, advising me on the best ways to prevent, deter and fight crime," said Perdue. "As a district attorney, Scott Thomas has put criminals behind bars while working closely with sheriffs, police chiefs and law enforcement officials on a wide range of criminal justice issues. He chaired the Senate Justice and Public Safety Appropriations Subcommittee, so he understands clearly the mission of every facet of North Carolina's criminal justice system. Scott Thomas will be a strong leader of the crime commission."

Scott Thomas was elected in 2006 to the 3B prosecutorial district comprising Carteret, Craven and Pamlico counties. From 2001-2006, Thomas served as a state senator. He was appointed chair of the Justice and Public Safety Appropriations Subcommittee and vice-chair of the Judiciary Committee. As a state senator, Thomas also served as a member of Governor's Crime Commission. He earned his J.D. from the N.C. Central University School of Law and his bachelor's degree in political science from East Carolina University. Thomas, 42, is from Vanceboro and is married with three children.

"It is an honor to be chosen by Governor Perdue to chair the Governor's Crime Commission," said Thomas. "I am confident that we will make North Carolina a safer place to live, work and raise a family."