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Roe to seek another term as state's attorney

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Ogle County State's Attorney John B. "Ben" Roe said he hopes to be elected to a third term of office next year so that he and his staff can continue developing a number of important proactive measures designed to address the "root" problems of criminal behavior.

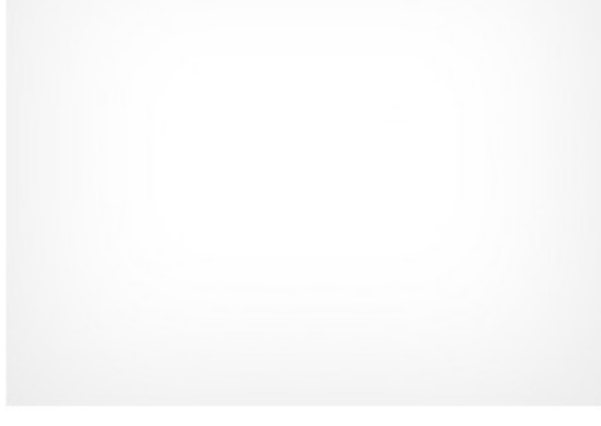
Roe, who was first elected state's attorney in 2004, has announced that he will seek the Republican nomination in the March 2012 primary. While in office, Roe and his staff have launched a number of key programs, like adult drug court and juvenile justice programming, and it's important that these initiatives continue, Roe said.

"We started an adult drug court in August 2009, and we're going to start a juvenile drug court in 2012," Roe said. "I look forward to hopefully being elected to another term so we can expand on all of those programs."



John B. "Ben" Roe, the Ogle County state's attorney, has announced he will run for re-election. *Journal/Standard*

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According to Roe, his top priority as state's attorney will continue to be reducing crime while at the same time supporting both "proactive and reactive" law enforcement measures.

Roe said he has taken a two-pronged approach to enforcement. On the one hand, he and his staff work to prosecute the county's most serious criminal offenders to the fullest extent of the law. On the other hand, Roe's office has also developed a number of programs seeking to provide alternatives to detention for "lower-risk" defendants who can still turn their lives around.

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For example, the adult drug court offers qualifying defendants a reduced sentence if they successfully complete an intensive period of probation. The first three defendants to complete the program graduated last week.

Ogle County's juvenile drug court program will likely be launched in early to mid-2012, and will involve more "intensive individualized treatment," Roe said. Other important programs to be developed under Roe's leadership include a domestic violence court, domestic violence response protocol, and juvenile justice programming.

Models For Change

In addition, Ogle County has been a MacArthur Foundation Models for Change Initiative site since 2006, receiving over \$400,000 in grant funding to support juvenile diversion and detention alternative efforts, states a news release from Roe's campaign.

"I will continue to put a special emphasis on juvenile justice reform efforts because of the direct impact those measures have on all facets of the court system, schools, and the community," Roe said in the news release.

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Officials from the Ogle County Clerk's Office say it's unclear at this point whether Roe will face any competition in next year's primary. Candidates are required to file their nomination petitions between Nov. 28 and Dec. 5. The primary will be held on March 20, 2012, and the general election will be held on Nov. 6, 2012.

Roe and his wife, Irene, live in Rochelle, and Roe's family has lived continuously in Ogle County since 1835, the news release states.



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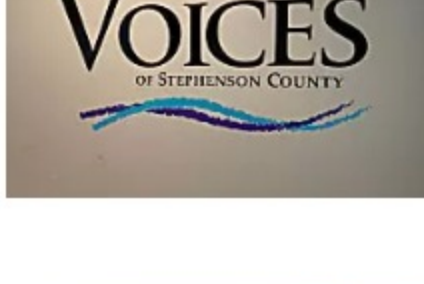
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