

You also attached a copy of the Oath of Office. Yes, this is the oath I swore too. Many people view this oath as only pertaining to the U.S. Constitution and the California State Constitution. The last line reads, *and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I have entered.* My *duties* are that of the head law enforcement officer of Trinity County and those *duties* are described above. Per 830.1 of the Penal Code sworn deputies and I can enforce state law on any lands within the State of California including federal land.

I have much to learn Mr. Guenette and will never profess to have a complete understanding of many issues. Laws and the Constitution (U.S. and State) have been debated and interpreted since their inception, sometimes quite differently then what I believe the founding fathers intended. But, they gave us a mechanism to deal with making changes.

I continue to gain as much knowledge and understanding as possible. We can debate victimless crimes or whether a peace officer should be issuing citations for traffic violations, but, I have learned over the course of my career that most issues are not clear as a bell, or cut and dry. Many require careful thought and examination before reaching a decision. I hope we can continue this discussion in the future.

If all goes according to plan I will be attending the Constitutional Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association conference next month in Las Vegas. I hope to learn more about how I can be a more effective sheriff for the citizens of Trinity County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'B. Haney', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bruce Haney, Sheriff