DeKalb County Sheriff Jeffrey Mann pleaded guilty to amended charges July 27 in lieu of an Atlanta Municipal Court trial.

Mann pleaded guilty to the charges of physical obstruction and prohibited conduct at a public park. The charges are amended from those originally given to Mann following his May 6 arrest in which he allegedly exposed himself to an

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The Champion partnered with The Sauers Group, Decatur Active Living, Junior League of DeKalb County, Decalb Library Foundation, Clarkston Community Center and CDF Action, Inc. in July to collect school supplies.

More than 110 backpacks were filled with supplies and distributed in Decatur and Clarkston communities. Included in the supplies were crayons, markers, pencils, pens, glue, erasers, notebooks, paper, rulers, scissors and binders.

Supplies were donated by readers, vendors and employees of The Champion and Sauers Group, patrons of Decatur Active Living and Clarkston Community Center, as well as members and supporters of Junior League of DeKalb County. DeKalb Library Foundation donated hundreds of age-appropriate books also.

We appreciate the efforts of all who contributed to our efforts.
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Lending a helping hand together

Our just completed back-to-school supplies collection efforts impacted an unknown number students, teachers and families. It was also a lesson on how working together benefits more.

By partnering with the DeKalb Library Foundation, The Sauers Group, Junior League of DeKalb County, Decatur Active Living, United States Air Force and CDF, A Collective Action Initiative and with the generous support of our readers, friends and employees we made a positive difference in the lives of many as they go back to school.

It is unlikely that a single organization listed above could have done what we collectively did. There was much effort put forth by individuals such as Shara Sanders, Greg White, Jill Joplin, Portia Langley, Cindy Walls, Jennifer Campbell, Roberta Malavenda, Donna Seay, USAF SSgt. Morgan Berresford, Alecia Asbury and many others. We appreciate your support of this project as well as all the good things you do in our communities.

Ralph Waldo Emerson defined “success” in part as “To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics...; to appreciate the beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived; this is to have succeeded.”

Thank you to our community for what appears by many measures to have been a successful campaign.