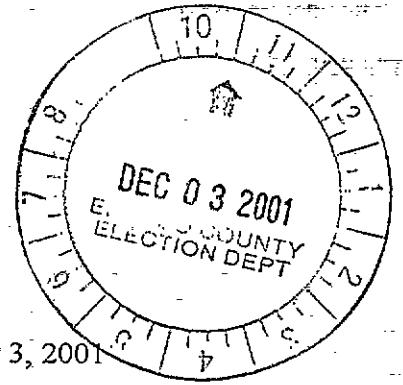


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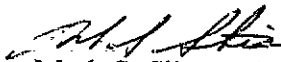
Dear Mr. Kelly,

Effective today, I hereby withdraw my candidacy for Sheriff of El Paso County for the term beginning January 2001.

I am withdrawing because I have been called to active duty to serve in the US Army for a duration of at least one year. This is because of the recent national and world events. Federal Law also precludes political activities while employed by the federal government.

I wish to thank you and your staff for services rendered in this matter.

Respectfully,


Mark S. Silverstein