

Sgt. Lacey

THE ISLAND'S FAVORITE COP

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Glynn County Police Sgt. Randall Lacey has a particular way of doing his job. Lacey's way puts an emphasis on the people he serves on St. Simons Island. Showing kindness and respect is for him standard operating procedure. He doles these qualities out generously, and expects the same in return.

"Once you earn the respect of the people, it's a whole lot easier to do your job," Lacey says during a brief break from his patrol duties in the Village. "If they trust you, they're much likelier to call you when they need you."

The people on the island trust him, they respect him, and so have bestowed upon him a nickname -- the Unofficial Mayor of St. Simons.

"I guess the people on the island have adopted me," Lacey says, "and I've adopted them. I've been taking care of this island for quite a while now."

Nine years to be exact.

Chief Magistrate Judge Tim Barton knows Lacey from the time he worked in the

