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Polk sheriff quits after jury report

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BARTOW - Polk County Sheriff Dan Daniels resigned Tuesday after a grand jury investigation that described his policies as ``disastrous`` and his department as a ``joke.``

At a news conference in Tallahassee on Tuesday morning, Gov. Bob Martinez announced the resignation of Daniels, a Winter Haven Democrat, and the appointment of Lawrence Crow, a Republican who will serve the rest of Daniels' four-year term.

Daniels, 59, has hidden from public view since Friday when he received a copy of the grand jury's presentment. The presentment - the report of the grand jury's two-month investigation - was released Tuesday after Daniels' attorney announced that he would not challenge the findings.