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Dear Friend,

Our thoughts and prayers go to the family of Lakeland Police Officer Arnulfo Crispin, who was fatally shot in the line of duty on December 18, 2011. Officer Crispin had been a police officer for a year and six months before a 19-year-old man, who had two previous arrests which included two felonies and a resisting arrest charge, shot and killed him in cold blood. The murderer has been arrested and he is being held in the Polk County Jail on no bond, charged with first-degree murder of a law enforcement officer.



Officer Crispin was born in Tampa, and grew up in Willow Oak near Mulberry. He was a stand-out athlete at Mulberry High School. By all accounts, he was a fine, hard-working, and accomplished officer with a bright future.

The viewing, funeral, and grave-side service for Arnulfo Crispin were emotional and moving. I am so impressed with the members of the Lakeland Police Department, our agency members, the law enforcement community, and citizens from around Polk County and around the state and nation for their outpouring of support and generosity to the family.

Many of our Sheriff's Office members worked long hours to assist the Lakeland Police Department during the investigation of the shooting, and other PCSO members worked hand-in-hand with the Crispin family and Lakeland Police Department to coordinate the viewing, funeral, and grave-side services. Lakeland Police Chief Lisa Womack has graciously expressed her personal thanks to our agency members for their professionalism and support. I am specifically very proud of the generosity and compassion of a number of our own PCSO members. In a display of support, Bureau of Special Investigations detectives who worked overtime investigating Officer Crispin's shooting are donating their overtime

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compensation to the Crispin family through Polk Sheriff Charities. Many other PCSO members have joined in to make donations as well.

Polk Sheriff's Charities is still accepting tax deductible donations on behalf of the Crispin family-100% of the funds donated will be given to the family.

If you would like to donate to the Crispin family, please send a check payable to Polk Sheriff's Charities, 1891 Jim Keene Blvd., Winter Haven, FL 33880-8010, and note in the memo section that the donation is for "Officer Crispin." Or [click here](#) to make a donation online.

Officer Crispin's tragic death is a terrible reminder of how dangerous the law enforcement profession is. In fact, in 2011, law enforcement fatalities nationwide rose sharply, with 173 federal, state, and local officers killed in the line of duty. This is a 13% increase from 2010.

At the beginning of 2012, please keep our law enforcement professionals - from those who work in our jails and prisons to those who work the streets to keep us safe - in your thoughts and prayers. They put their lives on the line every day to keep us safe.

Sincerely,
Sheriff Grady Judd

PCSO Undercover Detectives -- Working Hard to Keep You Safe

Thanks to the hard-working undercover detectives assigned to the PCSO Bureau of Special Investigations, over one hundred suspects went to jail in December 2011, and the citizens of Polk County got just what they wanted for Christmas -- a safer place to live!



From December 1st through 3rd, detectives conducted an operation which targeted online prostitution, resulting in **31 arrests**.

Some significant arrests were: Nine women who were all arrested as a result of answering ads posted by detectives posing as men having bachelor parties and wanting prostitutes. These women agreed to have sex for money with multiple partners. In all three of the "bachelor party" scenarios, the different women were driven to the undercover location by a pimp or driver. In all three instances, the drivers were arrested for multiple felonies. One of those drivers showed up to the undercover location wearing a black baseball cap with the word "POLICE" on it. He admitted to detectives that he wore the hat as part of intimidation tactics in case his "girls" experienced any problems while doing business. He is also a registered sex offender from Seffner, Florida.

On Thursday, December 15, 2011, undercover officers, deputies and detectives assigned to the HIDTA (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) Task Force, along with support from several other PCSO units, participated in a proactive enforcement initiative in the Lakeland, Bartow, Auburndale, and Wahneta areas of Polk County.

A total of 22 warrants were secured on December 15th, and of those, 15 people were taken into custody the same day, and three others, who were already in custody in the Polk County Jail, were served with add-on charges. During the operation, an additional four people were arrested for other charges. In all, detectives charged and/or **arrested 26 people** on December 15, 2011.

Later that evening, PCSO deputies and detectives conducted a county wide proactive initiative conducting warrants checks, following up on tips, investigating suspicious activities, conducting high visibility patrols and traffic stops, and making citizen contacts. As a result of this initiative **67 people were arrested** and booked into the Polk County Jail on a variety of charges.

Meanwhile, from **December 12th through 18th**, PCSO Internet Crimes detectives posing as children **arrested seven men** and charged them with Traveling to Meet a Minor for Sex (and related crimes). The men are from Lakeland (2), Lake Wales, Kissimmee, Perry, Casselberry, and St. Augustine.

The men responded to Internet-based scenarios where they thought they were travelling to meet male and female children between the ages of 10-14 to engage in sexual activity. The suspects engaged in sexually explicit written and verbal conversations with undercover detectives in emails, online chats, text messages, and telephone calls. During the conversations, the suspects agreed to come to a location in Polk County with the intention of having sex with a child. When the suspects arrived, they were placed under arrest.

"I am pleased to report that by November 2011, our data indicated that we were on track to enjoy another decrease in crime, compared to last year. However, that's not good enough for us -- we can always do better, and we can always strive to put more bad guys in jail, especially those with warrants and who prey upon children. During the last month of the year, PCSO members

worked around the clock to help keep the people of Polk County safe, and I am very proud of their hard work." - Sheriff Grady Judd

PCSO Pet Fest Success!

On Saturday, December 10, 2011, PCSO Animal Control held their annual "Pet Fest," offering dogs and cats up for adoption at reduced rates, and microchipping and vaccinations for current pet owners, also at reduced rates.



Pets and owners alike were treated to photos with Santa, and a visit with Tampa Bay Buccaneers cheerleaders!! All in all the day was a great success.

By the end of the day, 88 dogs, 10 cats, and one rabbit went to new homes, and over 600 animals were vaccinated. Thank you all for helping save a pet!



Third Annual Sanlan Ranch COPS Party

On Saturday, December 10th, about 90 Polk County children received Christmas presents and got to meet Sheriff Judd *and* Santa Claus at the third annual "Sanlan Ranch - SW District COPS Christmas Party."

Each year, the residents of the Sanlan Ranch Resort, located on US 98 South in Lakeland, partner with COPS (Community Oriented Policing) deputies from the PCSO Southwest District to locate families in need, and then together with other sponsors and Polk

Sheriff's Charities, Inc., they host a Christmas party complete with lunch, goodies, singing, and - best of all - Christmas presents! The McGee Tire store adjacent to Sanlan Ranch graciously provided and cooked hot dogs and hamburgers for everyone there, while the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church youth choir led everyone in the singing of some Christmas carols.



After Sheriff Judd greeted the guests and thanked everyone for their generosity, Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived to hand out the presents -- all of the presents were purchased by the Sanlan Ranch residents. Said one COPS deputy, "We asked each family what their children wanted for Christmas, and if it was on the list, these wonderful people went out and bought it. If a child asked for a bike, he or she got a bike."



"We are honored to participate in this event each year, and to help provide a little bit of Christmas cheer to children who might not otherwise have a present to open. It is so humbling to witness these citizens opening their hearts and their wallets to people they don't even know. After all, that's what Christmas is all about." - Sheriff Grady Judd



"Bubba Army" Donates Thousands to Bea Reid's Boys



On December 14, 2011, radio personality Bubba the Love Sponge presented a check made out to Matt & Dillon Kirkland, Bea Reid's sons, in the amount of \$12,700. The money was raised during an October "Bikes for Badges" charity motorcycle ride in Bea's honor. Bubba credited his fans, whom he calls the "Bubba Army," with the generous donation.

Bea was tragically killed on September 18, 2011. She was the third in command at PCSO, and highest ranking civilian. Her sons are (seen in the photo here, from left to right): Dillon, a 17-year-old student at Plant City High School, and Matthew, a 21-year-old student at the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

New Volunteer Program Planned

Do you want to help promote public safety in Polk County? Do you have time to volunteer your time to help us keep our crime rate down at historically low levels?



If so, we have a program for you. Sheriff Judd is planning an expansion of our very successful Citizens' Assisted Patrol (CAP) program to include more of unincorporated Polk County. The new as-yet-to-be-named program will be based on the current "observe and report" patrol program operated in over 40 communities and recreational trails in Polk County with over 2,700 volunteers. The new program will provide increased law enforcement visibility and crime prevention and deterrence through highly visible patrol in marked vehicles and uniformed volunteers. The new program will involve more training and more duties than the current program, allowing volunteers to aid and participate in a wide range of non-hazardous functions conducted by the Polk County Sheriff's Office. Duties will include: vacation, foreclosed and vacant house checks; after-hours business and commercial checks and patrols, statistically-based neighborhood patrols, crime prevention programs and special events, administrative duties, school zone safety initiatives, traffic and pedestrian direction/control for traffic accidents and special events, animal control assistance, neighborhood follow-up after property crimes, and other non-hazardous duties.

More extensive training will be required than for current PCSO volunteer programs. The initial multi-day block of instruction will include, but not be limited to, the following topics: PCSO mission, objectives, values and organization; state and local laws and ordinances; traffic and pedestrian direction/control; investigation assistance; radio procedures and communication; crime prevention theory and techniques; animal control procedures; special event operations; and professional ethics.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please send an e-mail expressing your interest (so that we can send you more information at a later date - at this point, we are building a list of those who may be interested) to rgroover@polksheriff.org. All PCSO volunteers are subject to criminal background checks and must maintain compliance with all PCSO general orders and procedures. Volunteer PCSO members must

also conduct themselves with integrity, exercise good judgment, and maintain high standards of personal conduct. Current PCSO volunteer members in good standing (including CAP members) may also apply to participate in the program.

January Is "National Stalking Awareness" Month

Imagine not feeling safe.



Someone is following you, texting and e-mailing you, and you are afraid. According to the U.S. Department of Justice, more than 3.4 million Americans a year are victims of stalking - a dangerous crime. This can happen to anyone, not just celebrities.

Since January is National Stalking Awareness month, ask yourself these questions to find out if you may be a victim and you don't even know it.

- (1) Does someone call you repeatedly and ignore your pleas to stop calling?
- (2) Without your disclosing them, does someone know your whereabouts throughout the day?
- (3) Does someone's actions cause you to have stress, depression, anxiety, or fear?

If you answer "yes" to any of the questions, you may be the focus of someone's unwarranted affection that is punishable by law. Florida State Statute 784.048 allows law enforcement officers to charge an offender with stalking if he or she willfully, maliciously, and repeatedly follows or harasses another person. This harassment can take the form of unwanted cards, calls, gifts, or visits. If the offender makes a credible threat with the intent to place a person in reasonable fear of death or bodily injury, the charge is upgraded to aggravated stalking.

This year's theme, "Stalking: Know it. Name it. Stop it," is designed to inform the public that stalking is serious. Statistics show that in one of five cases, stalkers use weapons to harm or threaten victims, and stalking is one of the significant risk factors for femicide (homicide of women) in abusive relationships.

Although stalking is a crime in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, many victims and criminal justice professionals underestimate its seriousness and impact. If you or someone you know fits the criterion of a stalking victim, do not delay in contacting your family, friends and law enforcement to help thwart any escalation of their actions.

Third Annual Bustin' Clays Event Coming Soon!

The Third Annual Polk Sheriff's Charities, Inc. "Bustin' Clays with Sheriff Grady Judd" event will be held **Saturday, March 3, 2012**, at Tenoroc Sporting Clays in Lakeland.

The public is invited to join Sheriff Judd, PCSO members, and our many gracious sponsors at this charity event. Polk Sheriff's Charities, Inc. (PSCI) will use all proceeds from this event to further their mission to support activities and charities that benefit the community associated with and identified through the Polk County Sheriff's Office.

Additionally, PSCI is the primary funding source of the Polk County Sheriff's Office Memorial. By participating in this event, you are positively impacting our community and ensuring our fallen heroes are perpetually memorialized.



WHEN: Saturday, March 3, 2012

REGISTRATION: 7:00 a.m.

SHOTGUN START: 8:30 a.m. at Tenoroc Sporting Clays, located at 3755 Tenoroc Mine Road in Lakeland

FOR MORE INFORMATION: 863.298.6697

Lunch, Ammo and Gift Bags are included with each registration!

TO REGISTER ONLINE: [click here!](#)

"We all had a great time participating in this event for the past two years, and we hope for an even better turnout this year. Come on out, shoot some clays, and help honor our fallen heroes. We hope to see you there!"
- Sheriff Judd

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