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Polk County Sheriff's Office

Dear Friend,

As I write this message, the Florida legislative session is about to conclude. We have a very important bill that has the potential to save millions of dollars for Polk County's taxpayers. If SB2112 passes and is signed by Governor Scott, Counties and Sheriffs in Florida will be authorized to house pre-adjudicated arrested juveniles separate from adults. This reform will save millions of dollars, reduce needless and expensive bureaucracy, and decrease and eliminate excessive state regulation.

Currently, the housing of pre-adjudicated delinquents is managed by the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ). Each county is billed by DJJ for the number of days that pre-adjudicated youth are in the state-run detention centers. These costs are astronomical. For example, Polk County pays approximately \$3.2 million annually to the Department of Juvenile Justice to house juveniles at the state-run Regional Juvenile Detention Center located in Bartow - an average of \$237 per juvenile per day (2009-2010). According to DJJ, this cost for 2010-2011 will increase to \$286.12 per juvenile per day! The Polk County Sheriff's Office can easily operate a detention facility for one third to half this cost, saving taxpayers millions of dollars.


The bill will require that any county or Sheriff that is accredited by the Florida Corrections Accreditation Commission (FCAC) or American Correctional Association (ACA) and are inspected annually under the Florida Model Jail Standards (FMJS) may operate a juvenile detention facility. The law also requires specific standards be adopted by the Florida Model Jail Standards Commission so that important safety and security measures are followed by Sheriffs and counties.

County jails have long histories of safely, effectively, and economically housing juveniles who have been bound over by the courts as





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"adults" (without the wasteful, duplicative, bureaucratic, and costly supervision from the State Department of Juvenile Justice). County jails have been in the business of housing juveniles for years. We are experts.

My personal congratulations go to Senator J. D. Alexander and his staff for making sure the bill made it through the process, my administrative staff, and our outstanding Jail staff who have been working hard on the project.

The people of Polk County and the State of Florida will be well served by this cost-saving plan to save taxpayers' money by reducing state staffing and allowing counties to safely house juvenile inmates at a much lower cost.

Sincerely,
Sheriff Grady Judd

PCSO Detectives Arrest 60

In an undercover investigation targeting online adult ads, which began Monday, April 11, 2011, and through Sunday, April 17, 2011, Polk County Sheriff's Office detectives arrested 60 suspects, both male and female, and charged them with either Soliciting another for Prostitution, Deriving Proceeds from Prostitution, or Aiding and Abetting Prostitution. Additional charges included Drug Possession and Violation of Probation.

After negotiating with detectives online, or by phone, the suspects traveled to an undisclosed location in Polk County where they offered detectives sex acts ranging from oral sex to intercourse in exchange for cash, charging anywhere from \$50.00 to \$700.00.

There were 36 females, and 24 males who traveled to the undercover location from Florida cities to include Orlando, Altamonte Springs, Lehigh Acres, Naples, Bradenton, St. Petersburg, Tampa, Land O'Lakes, Riverview, Longwood, Apopka, Hudson, Sarasota, Miami, Lauderdale, Plant City, Kissimmee, and Davenport to engage in sex for cash. Many of those arrested have been arrested all over the United States, to include Maine, Michigan, New Mexico, Georgia, California, Illinois, Massachusetts, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Colorado, Arizona, and Utah.

"Some arrived alone. Some car-pooled; and some arrived in taxis, bringing along their children, condoms, and STDs," said Sheriff Grady Judd. "Detectives targeted online escort services who promote prostitution. These sites increasingly provide the means for prostitution to occur. Detectives saw a 15-year-old run-away who brought her infant child along, a pregnant woman, a school bus driver, gang members, and pimps. The ads used by the suspects clearly promoted prostitution. It's obvious from the suspect's criminal histories, prostitution is a consistent partner to other criminal offenses. Prostitution is illegal and those who commit or who derive proceeds from this crime in Polk County can expect to go to jail."

[For a list of those arrested, please click here.](#)

OPERATION CURTAIN CALL



PCSO Deputies and Easter Bunny Visit Area Hospitals



Bringing Easter cheer, encouragement, and some cute stuffed bunnies to sick children, the "Easter Bunny" hopped around to area hospitals (Lakeland Regional Medical Center and the Regency Women's Medical Center-Winter Haven) on Thursday, April 21st, along with PCSO deputy sheriff escorts.

The Easter Bunny visit is a partnership program made possible each year by The Easter Bunny Foundation (www.theeasterbunny.com), PCSO, Pepsi Corporation, and local hospitals.

It was "eggs-elent" fun!

PCSO Executive Director Recognized as 2011 Professional Woman of Distinction



On Thursday, April 7, 2011, Polk County Sheriff's Office Executive Director of Business Affairs, Bea Dickey, was recognized as the National Association of Women Business Owners', 2011 Professional Woman of Distinction.

The honor is awarded annually by NAWBO and recognizes women who are outstanding in their

profession, who are a contributing member of their organization, and who are active in their communities. There are five categories; Professional, Business, Humanitarian/Community Service, Education and Art.

According to NAWBO, a Woman of Distinction is, "a woman who exemplifies achievement, integrity, professionalism and community spirit. She is a woman who embodies those values and has distinguished herself in service to her organization, company and community."

Bea Dickey is the Executive Director of Business Affairs at the Polk County Sheriff's Office. She is the highest ranking woman at the agency. She leads and manages all administrative aspects of a \$130 million public safety agency including finance, human resources, fleet operations, information technology, and business services. She has earned advanced academic degrees through the master's level. She is a certified public manager and a certified public accountant. She is a parishioner and volunteer at St. Clement Catholic Church; she belongs to the Lakeland Kiwanis Club; serves on the Board of Directors of the Citizens CPR; and is the volunteer Executive Director of Polk Sheriff's Charities, a large, multi-purpose charity that supports public safety causes. She is a cancer survivor and energetically supports the fight against the disease. She is the mother of two children and is immersed in the activities of an active family.

"Bea is a proven professional who has earned the respect of her peers and everyone she supervises," said Sheriff Grady Judd. "She may not wear a uniform, but she certainly wears the agency's pride well - her bright and positive personality, can-do attitude, and exceptional teamwork and customer service philosophy, are examples for all of us to follow."

PCSO Has Record Breaking Volunteers!

The Polk County Sheriff's Office recognized its 2900 volunteers on Wednesday, and Thursday, April 27 and 28, 2011 at the Lake Eva Community Center in Haines City. (The volunteers are divided into the East and West Regions and attended the appreciation luncheon on different days.)

The PCSO volunteers provide support throughout the agency to include Animal Control, Human Resources, Crime Prevention, Telecommunications, Crime Scene, and Detention. Volunteers also service as the agency's chaplains and in 45 different Citizen's Assisted Patrol, or CAP groups.

Volunteers have donated nearly 92,000 hours of service. That's a cost savings of approximately \$1.6 million! "It just doesn't get any better than that," said Sheriff Grady Judd.

Special recognition for most hours donated went to:



Robert Thompson, Citrus Ridge CAP group, with 1,233.25 hours.

Robert Schwegler, Kings Pointe CAP group, with 1,178.25 hours; (photo not available).



Richard Fearnow, Seniors versus Crime coordinator, with 780 hours.

Congratulations Volunteers - You Rock!!

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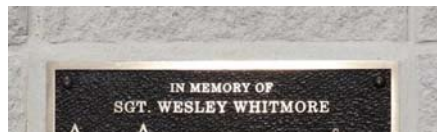
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Local Business Honors PCSO Sergeant Wes Whitmore



On Thursday, April 14, 2011, the Whitmore family, accompanied by Sheriff Judd and PCSO members, participated in a ceremony during which a plaque dedicated to the

memory of Sgt. Wes Whitmore was unveiled at the 7-11 store in Winter Haven where Wes was killed.

The store owner, Doug Bryant, and his district manager, John Womack, wanted to honor Wes' memory by placing a bronze plaque on the outer wall of the store. Together with some of Wes' fellow deputies, a beautiful plaque was designed, and will forever mark the location where Wes loved to patrol and where he tragically paid the ultimate sacrifice.

"I can't thank 7-11 enough for doing this," said Mrs. Sherry Whitmore. "The plaque is just beautiful."

PCSO Memorial "Time of Remembrance and Reflection"

To commemorate our fallen heroes, the Polk County Sheriff's Office will conduct a "Time of Remembrance and Reflection" at the Sheriff's Office Memorial during National Law Enforcement Week, May 15 - 21. **Every evening, beginning Sunday, May 15th through Saturday, May 21st, between 7:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.**, one candle will be lit for each of our fallen heroes and placed at the Memorial.

Agency members, family members of the fallen heroes, and members of the public are invited to visit the memorial at any time during these time periods to commemorate the ultimate sacrifice our fallen heroes have made. Although the Honor Guard will be laying a wreath at 7:30 p.m. on the first night (May 15th) and removing it at 9:00 p.m. on the last night (May 21st), there will be no formal ceremony. This "Time of Remembrance and Reflection" will allow everyone to honor our heroes in their own personal way - while demonstrating a symbolic display of our pledge to always remember their ultimate sacrifice.



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