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**Dear Friend,**

Happy New Year, everyone! 2015 is a brand new year, full of promise and new things to come.

As we begin each new year, we like to reflect on our goals and achievements, and focus on how we can better serve the citizens of Polk County. Of course, we can't do it alone. We rely on your support and our valuable partnerships to help us keep crime low and improve the quality of life for the people of Polk County.

We also like to take a quick look back at our prior successes, and find areas of improvement. One success story from 2014 is that there were only four homicides committed in unincorporated Polk County (PCSO's jurisdiction) last year. Three of those homicides were committed by the same suspect, who then fled to Tennessee and committed suicide. The other homicide was a domestic-related situation, during which the suspect also committed suicide.

These were very tragic events, but overall, we are gratified that there were so few, and that the specter of homicide left so many untouched in our Polk County jurisdiction.

Looking back over 40 years' worth of statistics, having only four homicides is an extremely low number; it is the fewest number ever recorded in our jurisdiction, in fact. While we all know that homicides are difficult for law enforcement officers to predict and prevent, as they are often related to extreme domestic violence cases and the violence inherent in the drug trade, I am proud of our law enforcement team and how they work hard in the community proactively fighting crimes that can lead to violent outcomes, such as domestic violence, robbery, and drug trafficking.

Our men and women work hard every day - together with the community we serve - to keep each other safe. Thank you all for your ongoing support of our agency members and the other law enforcement agencies in Polk County. We can't do this job without it. Here's hoping 2015 is our best and brightest year yet!

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**COST:** \$60.00, which covers everyone in your Jeep, trail rides, and access to the obstacle course. All participants will be required to complete a waiver prior to access to the course

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## Puppy Bowl Players Proud Animal Control Pups!



Regardless of which "Super Bowl" football team you support, one thing is for sure, we can all celebrate a PCSO pet success story!

The black and tan mixed breed pup battling for possession of the rope toy in the photo is from the PCSO Animal Control Section. And with the help of a local rescue, "Bubba" has made it to the big screen as one of the pups in the upcoming **Animal Planet's Puppy Bowl XI!**

Watch for Bubba, and some of his siblings, at **3:00 pm, on Sunday February 1, 2015**, on the Animal Planet!

And remember - we can always use your old towels and blankets, food and litter, or cash donations to help us care for the animals at our facility. Call us at 863-499-2600. And if you're in the market for a puppy or kitten or a new forever friend [CLICK HERE](#) to see the many wonderful animals we have up for adoption!

## PCSO Helps Bring Christmas Cheer to Needy Families



Each year, a number of very deserving families are identified and agency members raise funds to ensure those families have as joyous a holiday season as possible. Agency members partnered with groups such as Toys for Tots, Candy Canes for Kids, and local retailers and businesses.



And the creative and unique gestures are just as plentiful as the donations. For example, one of our work groups exchanged gifts with each other with a bit of a twist. The group decided to give each other gifts they would have received as children and each gift was donated to Toys for Tots. It was a fun to see the reactions of those who received miniature trucks and dolls knowing each toy would be given to a needy child for Christmas.

In addition, our COPs units celebrated with area families at Sanlan Ranch in Lakeland, the Eloise Community Center, and at the Central District Command community room. Each party included gifts, food, and lots of fun for all those who attended. And Santa made several appearances.

Our Department of Detention also got into the holiday spirit hosting parties for area families by partnering with Candy Canes for Kids and shopping trips to local retailers.

**A total of 57 families and 100 children celebrated the holidays as a result of PCSO members actively participating in community initiatives. That's 157 smiles and happy faces; and that's what Christmas is all about.**

Many of the gifts and parties were a result of Polk Sheriff's Charities, Inc., contributing to the gift buying efforts. And what made this effort even more special were the generous donations and contributions from our community partners; Church Services Center in Bartow, the Salvation Army, Commercial Lawn Equipment, Cutting Edge Lawn Equipment, Starbucks (S FI Ave & Socrum Loop Rd), Robin Road Repair, D.B. Construction, Winn-Dixie (Lakeland Highlands Road, Hwy 92, Ariana West, Socrum Loop Rd, S FI Ave), Publix (Lake Gibson), PDQ, Sanlan RV and Golf Resort, McGee Tire (Hwy 98 South), Target, and Wal-Mart.

We hope these gestures have made a difference in the lives of those we serve - we know it always makes a difference in our lives.

**National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day - January 9, 2015**

**National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day (L.E.A.D.) is on Friday, January 9, 2015. Two rallies are currently scheduled in Polk County.**



The first will be held on Cypress Gardens Boulevard, Winter Haven, across from Lego Land. Parking is recommended at the old K-Mart parking lot near Perkins Restaurant. The event is set from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

The second rally will be held at the Lakeland Police Department, 219 N. Massachusetts Avenue, Lakeland. The event is set from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

Attendees are encouraged to wear blue in support of law enforcement and to bring supportive signs, posters, balloons, American flags, etc.

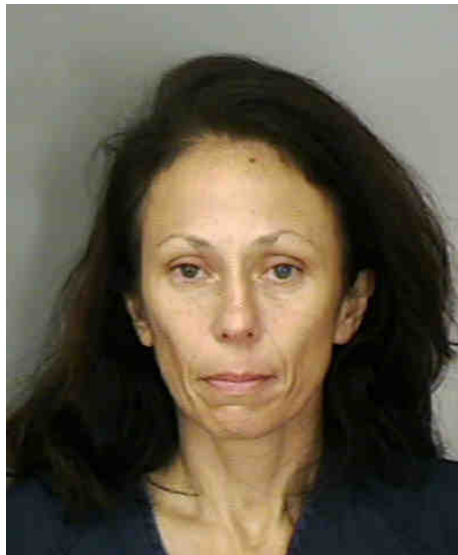
There are also other ways that those who support law enforcement can show their appreciation:

- \* If you see a police officer, thank a police officer.
- \* Change your profile picture on social media to a pro-law enforcement image
- \* Wear blue clothing in support of law enforcement
- \* Send a card of support to the Polk County Sheriff's Office or your local police department or state agency
- \* Share a positive story about a positive law enforcement experience on social media
- \* Ask children in your community to write letters in support of law enforcement to a law enforcement agency or the local newspaper
- \* Take a picture of yourself with a pro law enforcement message and send it to the PCSO Facebook page or e-mail it to [webmaster@polksheriff.org](mailto:webmaster@polksheriff.org)

## **CAPTURED: The Grinch Who Tried to Steal Christmas**

We've all heard the Dr. Seuss story *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*. Unfortunately for one Polk County family, fiction became reality on Christmas Eve.

Around 3:35 p.m. on December 24, 2014, a Winter Haven family returning to their home saw an unknown woman walking to a grey Kia Sportage that was parked in their driveway. The woman was carrying a package that the homeowner quickly realized the unknown woman had removed from his porch. The homeowner approached the woman and told her he wanted to talk to her about the package she just took. Instead, the woman jumped into her SUV. The homeowner stood in front of her and yelled for her to stop. The woman then intentionally accelerated her vehicle, striking the homeowner with the front end of it and causing him to be thrown over the hood and windshield. The attempted murder suspect then fled the scene. The victim suffered life-threatening injuries and was taken to LRMC where he is in stable but serious condition.



After extensive investigation, including review of area surveillance videos, neighborhood canvassing, and multiple interviews with witnesses, the suspect was positively identified as 42-year-old Marilyn Deboer. During the incident she was accompanied by her live-in boyfriend, Ray "Bo" Spiker. The suspect vehicle was also positively identified and later located abandoned.

On January 1, 2014, Winter Haven P.D. received a tip that Marilyn and Bo were at the Budget Inn at 401 6th Street NW in Winter Haven. WHPD and PCSO responded to the hotel and took them both into custody. Bo Spiker gave a full confession of the incident and confirmed Marilyn Deboer stole the package off of the porch and then intentionally ran over the victim. Deboer was booked into the Polk County Jail and charged with: one count Felony Attempted Murder, one count Burglary, one count Felony Petit Theft, and 7 counts Violation of Probation. She has been in the Polk County Jail on 16 prior occasions. In 2007 she was sentenced to two years in state prison.

Marilyn Deboer maliciously and intentionally ran over this victim in an attempt to take his life, after stealing from him. She's a dangerous felon with a criminal history, and thanks to tips from the public and excellent police work, we were able to put her back in jail where she belongs. This "Grinch" tried to steal Christmas, but she didn't get away with it.

## Lakeland Woman Arrested in Murder-for-Hire Investigation

On Thursday, December 18, 2014, the Polk County Sheriff's Office was contacted by a person to report that he/she was solicited to participate in a conspiracy to commit the murder of Atilla Demirhan of Lakeland. According to this source, Tanya Demirhan of Lakeland wanted her husband to go away and she wanted to hire someone to make it happen.

Detectives provided the source with a telephone number to provide to Ms. Demirhan to contact if she wanted to talk with a "hitman," an undercover sheriff's detective. On Friday, December 19th, the source spoke with Demirhan over the phone and provided her with a telephone number to the undercover detective who would pose as a hitman. Immediately following this phone call, Demirhan called the undercover detective to discuss the details of her husband's demise. The undercover detective told Demirhan he would prefer to discuss the details in person and Demirhan agreed. Demirhan provided the undercover detective with the time and location where they could meet.

On Saturday, December 20th around 7:30 a.m., Tanya Senay Demirhan met with an undercover Polk County Sheriff's Office detective at Banana Lake Park in Lakeland. When the detective arrived at the park by car, he was immediately approached by Ms. Demirhan, who then entered the detective's undercover vehicle and engaged in conversation where she intentionally and willfully solicited the undercover detective to murder her husband. The meeting was video recorded.



Demirhan agreed to pay the undercover detective \$10,000 to kill her husband. She told the detective she did not have access to any cash; however, she did have four vehicles she could transfer titles to him as payment. When asked, Demirhan stated she wanted it done very soon. To confirm, the undercover detective asked Demirhan if she wanted him to kill her husband and Demirhan affirmed.

*I, Tanya Demirhan, promise to pay  
[REDACTED] a total of \$10,000.00  
Such payment may be made in cash  
or transfer of vehicles. Payment will  
be made within 10 days of service.*

*x Tanya Demirhan*  
DATE: Dec. 20, 2014

Demirhan went home after the meeting. Two hours later, the undercover detective went to her home on Montserrat Drive in Lakeland to meet with Demirhan again. At this meeting, she turned over the title to a 2012 Ford van as an initial payment for the agreement to have her husband killed. Demirhan also signed a hand written note promising to pay the undercover detective \$10,000 in cash or transfer of vehicle titles for his "service."

On Saturday, detectives made contact with Demirhan on a traffic stop just outside of her residence and informed her that there was an incident regarding her husband. She agreed to go to the Southwest District Substation to discuss the incident. Detectives told Ms. Demirhan that her husband had been murdered. Demirhan responded with a dramatic and emotional display. When Demirhan was confronted with the information that she had hired a hitman to kill her husband, she adamantly denied any involvement with the solicitation to murder her husband and denied knowing the undercover detective.

Tanya Demirhan was subsequently arrested and transported to the Polk County Jail and charged with Solicitation to Commit 1st Degree Murder and Unlawful Use of a 2-way Communication Device. Demirhan has two prior arrests in Polk County: In July 2000 she was arrested by Bartow P.D. for Larceny and in January 1998 she was arrested by Lakeland P.D. for Shoplifting.

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