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Dear Friend,

We've all heard the phrase "Beware the wolf in sheep's clothing." You may have even heard me say it recently, in reference to Amendment 2, which is on the Florida ballot this year.

We encourage everyone to participate in the voting process. Before you vote, we also encourage you to educate yourself about what's on the ballot this year. Here's why Florida Sheriffs are referring to Amendment 2 as a 'wolf in sheep's clothing':

There are 5 large loopholes in Amendment 2 that we believe will result in virtually anyone who wants marijuana to be able to get it, and other negative consequences. For your education, we have outlined them for you here.

1. "A person" can obtain medical marijuana. Who is a person? A child is a person. There are no age restrictions on who can obtain marijuana.

Sheriff Grady Judd



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2. The bill states it is intended for people with "debilitating medical conditions," and gives some examples. But it goes on to state, "...or other conditions." What are "other conditions?" It could be virtually anything; headaches, backaches, insomnia, etc.

3. Amendment 2 gives broad immunity from criminal or civil liability and sanctions to doctors, users, personal caregivers, growers, distributors, or pot shop owners and any employees. Our current criminal justice system holds doctors, retailers, growers, and individuals accountable in cases of medical malpractice, negligence, and mistakes. That won't be allowed under amendment 2. Marijuana would be the ONLY drug in Florida, along with its entire delivery system, where doctors, users, caregivers, growers, distributors, etc., are completely absolved from liability if someone is harmed from its use.

4. A "personal caregiver" as defined by the amendment has only one prerequisite to get an ID card: be at least 21 years old. That could be you, me, the convicted felon down the street, the drug dealer around the block - anyone can be a "caregiver" dispensing the marijuana under this new law if it passes. There are no requirements for medical training or education.

5. There are no restrictions on how many "Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers" there will be across the state, where users can buy and smoke marijuana. Products such as food, candy, tinctures, aerosols, and oil products can and will be imbedded with Marijuana and sold with virtually no way to tell how potent they are.

I am elected to serve the people of Polk County and I take that very seriously. However Florida's citizens vote, and whatever the outcome, I will uphold the laws and the Constitution, as voted on by the people. Please, educate yourselves. How you vote is up to you.

Grady Judd, Sheriff

More Information About Amendment Two

Please read the full amendment before you vote. Read the loopholes for yourself. And please read AND SHARE these smart letters and editorials from around the state that demonstrate that there are a lot of very well informed editorial boards and smart folks who think that the pot amendment is a very bad idea for Florida:

Tampa Bay Times "Recommends Vote No" -

<http://www.tampabay.com/opinion/editorials/times-recommends-vote-no-on-amendment-2-medical-marijuana/2200610>

Tampa Tribune "Voters Should Reject Medical Marijuana Amendment" -

<http://tbo.com/list/news-opinion-editorials/tribune-editorial-voters-should-reject-the-medical-marijuana-amendment-20140928/>

Orlando Sentinel: "Editorial: Pot amendment: Vote no" -

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/opinion/os-ed-endorsement-amendment2-20141017-story.html>

News Herald of Panama City "No on Amendment 2" -

<http://www.newsherald.com/opinions/editorials/our-view-amendment-review-no-on-no-2-1.381290>

Northwest Florida Daily News "No on Amendment 2" -

<http://www.nwfdailynews.com/opinion/editorials/editorial-amendment-review-no-on-no-2-1.382032>

Bradenton Herald "Reject Amendment 2"-

<http://www.bradenton.com/2014/10/09/5403902/bradenton-herald-editorial-board.html>

The Ledger (Polk County) "Slow Down On Medical Marijuana" -

<http://www.theledger.com/article/20141009/EDIT01/141009307/1036/edit?p=3&tc=pg>

Daytona Beach News-Journal "Amendment 2: Medical Marijuana Blurring the line on pot" - [http://m.news-](http://m.news-journalonline.com/article/20141012/OPINION/141019882/1027?Title=Amendment-2-Medical-Marijuana-Blurring-the-line-on-pot)

[journalonline.com/article/20141012/OPINION/141019882/1027?Title=Amendment-2-Medical-Marijuana-Blurring-the-line-on-pot-](http://m.news-journalonline.com/article/20141012/OPINION/141019882/1027?Title=Amendment-2-Medical-Marijuana-Blurring-the-line-on-pot)

The Florida Courier ("Sharing Black Life, Statewide") by T. Willard Fair (Miami Urban League):

Florida's Amendment 2 insults our

intelligence:<http://flcourier.com/2014/10/16/floridas-amendment-2-insults-our-intelligence/>

Fort Myers News-Press "On medical marijuana, too many holes, vote no" -

<http://www.news-press.com/story/opinion/2014/10/11/medical-marijuana-many-holes-vote/17126791>

The Westside Gazette (Broward County's Oldest and Largest African American

Owned and Operated Newspaper): "Vote No" -<http://thewestsidegazette.com/just-say-no-or-yesmarijuana/>

Pensacola News Journal: Editorial: "No to Amendment

2:<http://www.pnj.com/story/opinion/editorials/2014/10/16/editorial-amendment/17379047/>

State Attorneys Brad King & Willie

Meggs:tallahasseedemocrat.fl.newsmemory.com/publink.php?shareid=134bef5fb

Barney Bishop, Florida Smart Justice Alliance "Amendment Two: Up in smoke over loopholes"

<http://www.bizpacreview.com/2014/10/17/amendment-two-up-in-smoke-over-loopholes-152869>

"Do not let Colorado calamity spread to Florida" by State Attorney Brad King Tampa Tribune:

<http://tbo.com/list/news-opinion-commentary/brad-king-do-not-let-the-colorado-calamity-spread-to-florida-20141016/>

"Yes on Amendment 2 Harms Teens, Children" by Colonel James McDunough Miami Herald

<http://www.miamiherald.com/opinion/op-ed/article2832864.html>

Haunted Jail Tour Raises \$11K for United Way

If you visited our Haunted Jail Tour this year, we are so thankful for your help in raising money for the United Way. This was our best tour yet - we raised over \$11,000 for this worthy cause. If you were unable to participate, please enjoy some of these photos of the tour. We hope to see you next year!





Bartow Halloween Parade

PCSO participated in the annual Cricket Club Inc. Bartow Halloween Parade this year, as we do each year, and we had a great time meeting everyone along the route. Special thanks to Major Mike Pruitt for standing in on the float for Sheriff Judd, who was unable to attend. Happy Halloween!





Organized Retail Crime Task Force Arrests

Polk County Sheriff's Organized Retail Crime (ORC) Task Force detectives recently arrested eight people related to an investigation of organized retail theft. Detectives learned that suspects worked together as a group where they committed thefts from several retail locations to include Bealls Outlet, Sports Authority, Hot Topic, Footlocker, Rainbow, Crush, Dillard's, Kohl's, Toys R Us, Cotton On, and Burlington Coat Factory. The organized group of suspects primarily targeted clothing merchandise. After selecting and concealing the merchandise, the suspects exited the businesses, and passed all points of the sale without purchasing the items. Approximately **\$6,500** in stolen property has been identified, though the suspects are believed to have been responsible for stealing merchandise worth thousands' more.

"Retail theft is a serious problem in Florida. It drives up the cost of goods and we all suffer through higher prices. We often find that these thieves are stealing every day. I applaud the hard work of our detectives - we will work hard to make sure these suspects are held accountable." Grady Judd, Sheriff

Through the course of the investigation it was discovered the suspects were selling the stolen merchandise to various individuals. In some cases, undercover Polk County Sheriff's Office detectives purchased stolen property from some of the suspects. Of the 8 people arrested, they were charged with 21 felonies, 17 misdemeanors, and 1 violation of probation.



Also, as a part of the investigation, undercover detectives identified a fugitive with outstanding warrants from Pinellas and Hillsborough Counties: **Reginald Borney** from Tampa. The warrants were for VOP grand theft, VOP aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer, VOP burglary, VOP fleeing to elude law enforcement, and VOP domestic battery second offense. He has an extensive criminal history dating back to 1995 that includes a number of violent offenses. He was arrested on October 3rd and transferred to Pinellas County Jail on October 7th. He was not charged with theft.

All suspects were given trespass warnings (meaning they are prohibited from entering the businesses) from the retail establishments, including the Lakeland Square Mall.

Remember - shoplifting is a serious crime, and it affects us all. If you see something, say something!

It's The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year...



Holiday shopping seems to start earlier every year...and that is not only for honest citizens. Like the Grinch, criminals are already making plans to steal your holiday joy. Whether you choose to shop in person or online, consider the consequences of your choices so you have a safe and enjoyable season.

Begin by not advertising your shopping plans or posting your current purchases on social media. Instead, call or text your friends and family to invite them to go shopping or to tell them about your purchases. Remember, there is safety in numbers so shopping with others is best. However, do not let your cell phone be a distraction while you are out and about.

Only carry the credit cards you will be using as well as any cash you may need. Leave all other documents, cards, etc., in a safe place at home. Consider keeping your cards and money in a front pocket instead of a purse that can be snatched from you or that you might leave in a shopping cart. If you must carry a purse, use one that crosses over your chest to deter thieves. Men should also keep their wallets in a front or zippered pocket to avoid being pick-pocketed.

When you arrive at the store, park in well-lit, well-travelled areas and keep valuables out of sight. While shopping, avoid overloading yourself with packages. It is important to have clear visibility and freedom of motion to avoid mishaps and not appear vulnerable. When storing your purchases in the vehicle, keep them out of sight. If you plan to continue shopping, consider moving your vehicle to a different location. This will deter any thieves, who may have been watching you, from breaking into your vehicle and stealing your packages.

While you are shopping online, shop only at trusted websites. Use your credit cards as they are more secure than debit cards for online shopping. Make sure the website is secure by looking for the icon of a locked padlock which typically appears in the status bar at the bottom of your web browser or next to the URL in the address bar. Another way to tell you are on a secure site is to look for the "s" in https:// (instead of just http://). You will also want to avoid using public

computers and Wi-Fi hotspots when purchasing your holiday gifts. If you must use a public Wi-Fi hotspot, privatize your Wi-Fi by installing hotspot shields on your laptop or tablet.

Whether you shop online or in the store, monitor your credit card, debit card, and checking account statements on a regular basis to ensure there are no fraudulent charges. If you do notice irregular charges, report them to law enforcement immediately.

Hopefully, incorporating these choices into your holiday shopping game plan will result in a safe and happy holiday shopping season!

Women's Basic Self-Defense Classes Offered



**WOMEN'S BASIC SELF DEFENSE
and PERSONAL SAFETY CLASS**

Class is free and open to all women.

Must be at least 13-years of age.
(Those 13-17 years of age, must have a parent/
guardian present to sign a waiver.)

**Class size is limited, please
RSVP to
Jennie Burton at
JBurton@polksheriff.org**

In an effort to empower and teach women to prevent and defend against sexual violence, the Polk County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Section will be offering **FREE** monthly **Personal Safety & Women's Basic Self Defense classes** in the hopes of decreasing the number of sexual assault victims. The statistics are alarming; according to RAINN (Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network):

- 44% of victims are under age 18
- 80% are under age 30
- Every 2 minutes, someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted
- 60% of sexual assaults are **not** reported to the police
- 97% of rapists will never spend a day in jail
- Approximately 2/3 of assaults are committed by someone known to the victim
- 38% of rapists are a friend or acquaintance

The **Personal Safety & Women's Basic Self-Defense classes** are designed to teach basic safety tips on how to avoid becoming a victim of crime and provide hands on techniques to escape less than desirable situations.

Each presentation varies slightly as the special needs of each group are addressed. For example, if anyone in the group has physical limitations,

modified techniques are provided to teach them how to protect themselves based on what they can physically do.

The classes are for women only; ages 13 and older. Ladies under 18 must have a parent/caregiver sign a PCSO waiver before they can attend the class. Active participation is encouraged so that skills can be practiced; however, those wishing to only observe are also welcome.

The next class is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2014, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm / RSVP by Friday, November 14, 2014.

Visit and like the Sheriff's Office Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/polkcountysheriff to learn about the upcoming classes being offered to the public. For specific details about these classes or to schedule a private class, email Jennie Burton at jburton@polksheriff.org.

Public Records Request

Our agency recently received a Public Records request for all the email addresses contained in our e-newsletter database "Constant Contact." As you may know, we are required by law to comply with any and all public records requests.

A quick lesson in Florida Public Records laws: Florida State Statute 119 governs public records in the Sunshine State. All government entities in Florida must respond to these requests in a timely manner, and those who make public records requests are not required to give their reasons for requesting (<http://bit.ly/1DCMldU>).

We have provided the email addresses to the requestor. In case the requestor is planning to use the list to send unsolicited e-mails to our readers, the person who made the public records request is Mr. Tom Rask at tom@rask.com. As always, please be careful responding to people you don't know on e-mail. Do not open attachments from people, businesses, or organizations that you do not know or trust.

We just wanted to let you know, our customers, that you may or may not receive emails from an unknown party, based on the request.

Thank you all for your support! If you have any questions about public records, please email us at mediarequests@polksheriff.org.

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