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**Subject:** Re: FMJS - Public Record Request  
**Date:** Fri, 25 Oct 2013 15:50:52 +0000 (10/25/2013 11:50:52 AM)

You are correct, by statute only the courts have the enforcement. That statement in statute had been consistent since the inception of FMJS.

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VolusiaExposed <[volusiaexposed@cfl.rr.com](mailto:volusiaexposed@cfl.rr.com)> wrote:

Mr. Dennard  
Florida Sheriff Association

Ref: Florida Model Jail Standards - enforcement authority  
Public Record Request - October 2013 Brevard Jail's FMJS  
Inspection Report

Thank You - your below information was very helpful - however, it (F.S. 951.23), only appears to empower the court - does the FMJS empower the Florida Sheriff Association with any enforcement authority - We (VolusiaExposed) can't seem to find any such enforcement authority - and past statements (in media articles) made by FMJS staff seem to support that no such enforcement powers exist within the FMJS.

We (VolusiaExposed) are collecting data and facts for a pending article in which we are going to explore the recent FMJS inspection of the Brevard County Jail (October 2013). We have concerns that the Brevard County Jail is NOT in current compliance with several FMJ Standards - especially attached to their housing area commonly referred to as the "bubble". (These apparent violations (if true) would also call into question their (BCSO) FCAC accreditation.)

Here are just SOME of our concerns:

According to an article recently published by Brevards Best News, and other information we have received - up to 8-10 female inmates were place in a small secured room/ cell (from our understanding - approximately 100 to 175 square feet) - that this "cell" was NOT a temporary holding cell (8 hours - FMJS), but rather a housing location. Apparently, such is a routine practice within the Brevard County Jail.

<http://brevardsbestnews.com/?p=933>

Allegations also support that inmates were required to sleep on the floor, being provided only a sleeping bag type bedding (an apparent violation of FMJS).

We invite you to listen to the audio interview of former jail inmate

Sharley Roman that is attached within the above mention BBN article. Ms. Roman's interview possibly identifies other FMJS violations.

Please accept our Public Record Request for a copy of the recent FMJS Inspection Report of the Brevard County Jail - it is our understanding, that per FMJS, that this report is available 14 days after the inspection, as a public record per F.S. 119. Please use our below email address as our point of contact.

Thank you in advance for any other guidance you can provide to help us better understand the FMJS inspection process. Hopefully your guidance will relieve some of our concerns.

With the above thoughts in mind, and in fairness to the BCSO, we have carbon copied this email to Brevard County Sheriff, Wayne Ivey.

Regards;

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On Fri, 2013-10-25 at 12:38 +0000, Isaiah Dennard wrote:

> Please read Florida State Statute 951.23 it outlines the process and  
> the "Removal of Prisoners" from County Jails for not meeting minimum  
> jail standards.

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> I hope this helps.

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> Isaiah Dennard

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> VolusiaExposed <volusiaexposed@cfl.rr.com> wrote:

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> Jail Services Coordinator

> Florida Sheriffs Association

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> October 24, 2013

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> Ref: Pending Article - VolusiaExposed.Com

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> Sir:

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> VolusiaExposed is currently gathering facts regarding the FMJS  
> process.

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> Our wish to to shortly publish an article regarding the effectiveness

> or

> ineffectiveness of the FMJS process.  
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> According to rather dated Florida Today article (see below), county  
> jails are not mandated to participate in the FMJS inspection process.  
> Currently is there still no enforceable mandate for Florida Jails to  
> participate and comply with the Florida Model Jail Standards?  
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> We look forward to your response.  
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> Thank You  
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> Sheriffs' group sets 'model,' but compliance not required  
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> BY PAIGE ST. JOHN  
> FLORIDA TODAY  
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> TALLAHASSEE -- Despite a rash of inmate suicides at the overcrowded  
> Brevard County jail, state officials said they have no oversight or  
> inspection power, and neither does anyone else.  
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> "The bottom line is, the county jail is a function of the sheriff,"  
> said  
> Sterling Ivey, spokesman for the Florida Department of Corrections.  
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> Florida legislators ordered the state to stop monitoring jails in 1996  
> at the urging of sheriffs who had been subjected to repeated  
> crackdowns  
> on jail conditions.  
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> The last year Florida looked inside county jails, in 1994, the  
> corrections department investigated 62 deaths of inmates at detention  
> facilities.  
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> Instead of regulation, the Legislature created a panel under the  
> Florida  
> Sheriff's Association, a non-profit with no regulatory authority, to  
> write "model standards" that county jail operators must "adopt."  
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> Brevard jail officials acknowledged Monday that their 1,000-bed county  
> jail, housing more than 1,400 inmates, does not meet some of those  
> model  
> standards. Still, it's accredited under a separate sheriff's  
> association  
> program.  
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> Among the faults: Inmates are triple-bunked in cells designed to hold

> two prisoners, day rooms converted into dormitories are not in  
> compliance, and inmates do not have access to enough shower  
> facilities.  
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> A Brevard inmate apparently killed himself Sunday, the fifth suspected  
> suicide at the jail in three months. Sheriff Phil Williams said he'll  
> seek county funding to hire more officers while awaiting construction  
> of  
> an annex to partially alleviate crowding.  
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> But even those responsible for Florida's jail standards do not know if  
> it is mandatory for counties to comply with the model standards.  
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> "To be honest with you, that's a very good question," said Lt. Gary  
> Harbin, accreditation manager for Marion County Sheriff Ed Dean. The  
> Marion County sheriff chairs the sheriff's association's jail  
> standards  
> committee.  
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> "The basic interpretation is, 'yes, they do.' But there's not a  
> specific  
> overseeing body."  
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> The sheriff's association writes the standards. Jails are supposed to  
> undergo annual inspections to determine if they meet them, and take  
> care  
> of any problems that crop up.  
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> "There is no enforcement behind the statute whatsoever," Harbin said.  
> "It's up to each sheriff."  
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> The Florida Sheriff's Association in 1998 created an alternative  
> system,  
> the Florida Corrections Accreditation System, for local jails. Under  
> those standards, 25 of 66 county-run jail facilities are approved.  
> Those  
> accredited by the association's system include Lee, Escambia and  
> Brevard  
> counties.  
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> Jail oversight peaked after Florida settled a class action lawsuit in  
> 1987 filed by inmates alleging inhumane treatment throughout the  
> state.  
> In the following years, the Florida Department of Corrections brought  
> 54  
> lawsuits against 44 county boards for violations at their jails.  
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> During those years, jail funding increased dramatically, but so did  
> tension between the state and sheriffs who operate those jails.  
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> In 1995, the Florida Legislature eliminated funding for state  
> inspections of county jails and killed the program altogether in  
> 1996.  
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> In 1994, the last year the Corrections Department was funded to  
> monitor  
> jail conditions, the state agency was involved in 586 investigations  
> of

- > local detention facilities, including 62 inmate deaths.
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- > There is now no state watch on county jail deaths. Corrections
- > Department staff members said they have no idea how many inmates die
- > in
- > Florida's county jails every year.
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- > Accreditation of jails is voluntary, as well.
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- > Only 13 counties currently meet the national standards set by the
- > American Correctional Association, which mostly monitors state prisons
- > and large facilities. Brevard County is not among them.
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- > Staff writer Scott Blake contributed to this report.
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