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November 19, 2019

Kathleen Edwards
c/o Dana Jackson
5727 Cypress Creek Drive
Grant, FL 32949

RE: FDLE File EI-73-8657/1132

Dear Ms. Edwards,

Your recent letter to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) was forwarded to the Office of Executive Investigations for review.

We have reviewed the letter, including the noted five suggested corrective actions, pertaining to a death investigation, involving Gregory L. Edwards, which was conducted by the Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO). Please accept our sincere condolences to you and the Edwards' family, regarding the unexpected loss of Gregory on December 10, 2018.

Corrective action number two requested FDLE conduct an external investigation into the matter. FDLE previously responded to you, through your attorney, on January 24th, 2019, that FDLE does not have any independent or lawful authority to interject into local law enforcement matters that have been or are already being investigated by local authorities. Enclosed is a copy of the previous FDLE response for your review.

With regard to the remaining four suggestive corrective actions, FDLE is committed to partnership with local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies to prevent, investigate, and solve crimes. FDLE remains active in supporting and improving legislation to assist in this endeavor. Rest assured that FDLE remains committed to its core mission to promote public safety, while protecting Florida's citizens and visitors.

Thank you for bringing this issue to FDLE's attention and we remain ready to assist our law enforcement partners when called to do so.

Sincerely,

Scott McInerney
Director

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Honorable Wayne Ivey
Sheriff
Brevard County Sheriff's Office
700 South Park Avenue
Titusville, Florida 32780

Dear Sheriff Ivey,

On November 12, 2019, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), Office of Executive Investigations (OEI) received additional correspondence from Kathleen Edwards. In her correspondence, Ms. Edwards expressed concerns regarding the death of her husband, Gregory Lloyd Edwards at the Brevard County Jail, and the subsequent investigation by the Brevard County Sheriff's Office.

Upon review, it was determined that her complaint / concern does not warrant an investigation by FDLE at this time. It appears that your office has received similar correspondence from Ms. Edwards. Therefore, OEI is forwarding you a copy of FDLE's response to Ms. Edwards.

Should you have any questions concerning this referral, please feel free to contact our office at (850) 410-8240.

Sincerely,

Scott McInerney
Director

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Attachment