

OPEN LETTER

To The Florida Department Of Law Enforcement

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Ref: FDLE Agents' Financial Conflicts Of Interest
(Edwards / Santiago-Miranda investigations)

Dear Gretl (others) :

Our publication (VolusiaExposed.Com) has voiced it's concern regarding the apparent financial conflicts of interest between FDLE agents' private financial dealings, and their FDLE law enforcement responsibilities.

Within our August 15, 2020 article (see below web link), VolusiaExposed.Com published our concerns regarding FDLE Agent Daniel Warren's financial connection with a law enforcement training company – and his investigative involvement in the 2018 in-custody death of Gregory Edwards.

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/edwards2020/fdlefailures82020.html>

In preparation for our August 15, 2020 article, we reached out to your office for any clarifications you could provide us. Within a August 6, 2020 email (see below web link), your office confirmed our findings that Agent Warren was attached to the identified law enforcement training company. You advised us that Warren's company maintained no financial contracts with the Brevard County Sheriff's Office (BCSO). You further assured us that FDLE was "confident in the quality and integrity" of their review of BCSO's self-investigation into Mr. Edwards' death.

<http://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/edwards2020/fdlefailures82020/fdleemail.pdf>

Recently, we have received information - that FDLE Resident Agent In Charge Jason Kriegsman (for Brevard and Volusia counties) is the Director of Training for Valorlawenforcementgroup.com (Valor) (see below web link)

<https://www.valorlawenforcementgroup.com/>

Florida's Division of Corporations documents Kriegsman as the registered agent for Valor – providing P.O. Box 560281 Rockledge, Florida as the corporation's mailing address.

According to Valor's own website, BCSO is one of their clients – along with several other local law enforcement agencies (see below web link).

<https://www.valorlawenforcementgroup.com/clients/>

Obviously, VolusiaExposed.Com is concerned whether this financial connection between the BCSO and Resident Agent In Charge Kriegsman, may have biased FDLE's review of the Edwards' incident - and may be biasing FDLE's on-going investigation into the shooting deaths of two minority teens by BCSO Deputy Jafet Santiago-Miranda.

<https://www.clickorlando.com/news/local/2020/11/18/sheriff-brevard-deputy-forced-to-fire-fatally-shooting-2-teens-in-car/>

<https://www.clickorlando.com/news/local/2020/11/13/fdle-investigating-brevard-deputy-involved-shooting-reported-in-cocoa/>

In addition to a financial connection between the BCSO and Valor, we are left wondering whether Valor provided any of the training that was used by the deputies in either the Edwards, or the Santiago-Miranda incidents?

We hope you can appreciate our concerns as legitimate – and can provide us additional assurances regarding the “quality and integrity” of these FDLE investigations.

Gretl, in the end – this may give a whole new meaning to the term “de-fund the police”. Should senior police officers – who investigate other police agencies – have financial contracts, to provide law enforcement training, to those very same policing agencies?

We anticipate publishing an article covering these matters within the next thirty to sixty days.

Regards,

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“When morality comes up against profit, it is seldom that profit loses.”~ Shirley Chisholm

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