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Sent: Monday, July 26, 2010 9:06 AM  
To: 'Simonne.Lawrence@eog.myflorida.com'  
Subject: FW: Volusia Jail Deaths

Simonne Lawrence  
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July 26, 2010

Dear Simonne Lawrence:

As you are aware (via the below email), Mr. Atkinson has identified you as the point of contact regarding concerns surrounding Volusia County jail deaths. (Inmate Nelson 2006 / Inmate Veira 2009)

Mr. Atkinson did assure us that FDLE was aware of our concerns and that "they are looking into the matter". We are pleased to hear that FDLE is finally "looking into the matter". Such appears to be a welcomed change of position by FDLE.

In an April 21, 2010 email, FDLE Chief Inspector Mark Perez appeared to communicate to us that FLDE could find no "criminal predicate" in order to investigate our concerns. We are requesting the assistance of the Governor's office in having deaths investigated due to the obvious importance it has to the health and welfare of the entire Volusia County community. For your review, we have attached (see below - bottom of this email) web links to some of our correspondences with Mr. Perez.

Hopefully, this apparent new position of FDLE's of "looking into the matter" equates to actually investigating these matters.

Frankly, it appears to us that both FDLE and the local State Attorney are reluctant to investigate our concerns due to the possible political damage that could result should these allegations be sustained. Similar concerns (failure of local law enforcement to investigate / conflict of interest) were voiced by local Daytona Beach attorney, Brett Hartley, in regards to whether several members of the Volusia County Beach Patrol (VCBP) were engaging in sexual relations with underage females.

Attorney Hartley apparently contacted the Governor's office requesting that a special prosecutor be assigned to investigate these serious allegations. Since, Attorney Hartley made contact with the Governor's office, several law enforcement members of the VCBP have been criminally charged. We strongly believe that absent Mr. Hartley contacting Governor Crist's office, these officers would have never been properly criminally investigated.

It is of interest that VCBP and the Volusia County Division of Corrections (jail) are within the very same Department of Public Protection. We feel confident that should the Executive Office of the Governor instill into FDLE and the local State Attorney, the same vigor to investigate these deaths as it apparently did in the VCBP matter, that similar prosecutorial actions will become necessary.

Please see the below web link to a media article on the Volusia Beach Patrol under age sex scandal.

<http://engforum.pravda.ru/showthread.php?260700-news-journalonline.com-quot-Lawyer-targets-Beach-Patrol-over-sex-claims-in-Daytona-Beach-quot>

Our position is simple, don't take our word that these jail deaths (and their internal investigations) have questionable events attached to them, rather we request that you allow the supportive documents to speak for itself.

Our concerns were explained in an earlier email to Mr. Atkinson. This email was forwarded by him to your office. However, should you need further clarification and information of our concerns, we invite you to review the below web pages and website. Further, should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us .

<http://volusiaexposed.com/fdle/inmatecollaspe.html>

<http://volusiaexposed.com/corrections/incustodydeaths.html>

<http://volusiaexposed.com>

Couple all of the above with the fact that there has been no outside agency investigation into these deaths. This due in large part to Volusia Home Rule County Charter and the discontinuation of the Florida State Prison Inspector's review of county jail in-custody deaths (since the 1997 repeal of Florida Administrative Code 33-8). It would appear to be imperative and appropriate for the Florida Governor

to assign FDLE to investigate these matters. - (Due to Home Rule Charter  
- Volusia County operates all  
agencies involved in the death investigations - Volusia County jail,  
Volusia County Sheriff Department  
and the Volusia County Medical Examiner's office)

Thank You

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the law."

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Attachments (directly below) - web links to email correspondences with  
FDLE Chief  
Inspector, Mark Perez.

Our April 13, 2010 Email to Chief Inspector Mark Perez / FDLE requesting  
an investigation (to include  
Volusia jail deaths)  
<http://volusiaexposed.com/requestforinvestigations/1.pdf>

Chief Inspector / FDLE Mark Perez's April 21, 2010 email response to  
VolusiaExposed.Com's request  
for an investigation.  
<http://volusiaexposed.com/requestforinvestigations/perezresponsel.pdf>

Our May 9, 2010 Email to Chief Inspector Mark Perez / FDLE  
<http://volusiaexposed.com/requestforinvestigations/may9email.pdf>

VolusiaExposed's web page documenting / memorializing FDLE's documented  
refusal to investigate  
the events surrounding the Volusia County jail deaths.  
<http://volusiaexposed.com/requestforinvestigations/fdleresponsel.html>

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From: Atkinson, Drew [mailto:Drew.Atkinson@eog.myflorida.com]  
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 11:25 AM  
To: VolusiaExposed  
Cc: Lawrence, Simonne  
Subject: RE: Volusia Jail Deaths

Thank you for contacting Governor Crist. After reviewing your  
correspondence, Simonne Lawrence,  
another attorney in the Governor's Office of General Counsel, contacted  
the Florida Department of

Law Enforcement ("FDLE"). FDLE explained that they are familiar with the circumstances surrounding your allegations and they are looking into the matter. In the future, please direct all correspondence of this nature to Simonne Lawrence, who can be reached at the following:

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Again, thank you for bringing this matter to Governor Crist's attention.

Sincerely,

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From: VolusiaExposed [mailto:Volusiaexposed@cfl.rr.com]  
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Subject: FW: Volusia Jail Deaths

Mr. Atkinson:

As a follow up to our July 3, 2010 email (see below). It would appear to be again appropriate to request that the Governor instruct FDLE to investigate the Volusia County jail death (Nelson and Veira).

Surely, if it is appropriate for FDLE to investigate a Santa Rosa jail suicide (see below media article) then these Volusia County jail deaths deserve such an FDLE investigation.

<http://www.fox10tv.com/dpp/news/fdle-investigates-suicide-in-jail-cell>

<http://volusiaexposed.com/fdle/santarosasuicide.html>

From: VolusiaExposed [mailto:Volusiaexposed@cfl.rr.com]  
Sent: Saturday, July 03, 2010 3:31 PM  
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July 3, 2010

Mr. Atkinson:

In a recent St. Petersburg Times articles it was noted that Governor Crist instructed the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to investigate the events surrounding Inmate Samuel Dread's collapse on the exercise yard at the Lancaster Correctional Institution.

<http://www.tampabay.com/news/publicsafety/crime/state-probes-handling-of-prison-inmate-who-collapsed-during-mid-day/1097786>

We ask you to review our concerns of inmates collapsing and DYING under questionable circumstances at the Volusia County jail.

Since Florida government discontinued (1997) having the State Prison inspector investigate county jail deaths, Florida counties have been left to self-investigate these deaths through their sheriff departments. Further, since Volusia County is a HOME RULE county, the medical examiner office is NOT an independent body, but rather a branch of Volusia County Government.

FDLE does investigate all police involve shootings, therefore absent the State of Florida returning the responsibilities to the Florida State Prison inspector, it would appear appropriate to have FDLE investigate all in custody deaths at county jails.

Our concerns have been reported to the local State Attorney, but in our opinion, politics appear to make the local SA somewhat reluctant to investigate our concerns. (Please see our attached web link for further explanation)

<http://volusiaexposed.com/fdle/inmatecollaspe.html>

Our concerns center around the possibility that jail staff submitted falsified reports involving at least two inmate deaths, that the local sheriff department and medical examiner office manipulated these investigations to reduce the county's civil liability. (Please see our attached web link for further explanation)

It is important to stress that the Volusia County Medical Examiner office handles autopsies in both Volusia and Seminole counties, thus affecting two different judicial circuits. IF our concerns are accurate (the manipulation of death investigations) then our concerns meet the requirements of being forwarded to the Special Grand Jury on Public Corruption. (corruption involving two or more judicial circuits).

Regardless, we believe that our concerns cry for an outside independent investigation, therefore we ask that you assign the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to investigate our concerns.

Thank You

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