

From: "Chitwood, Michael" <MChitwood@vcso.us>

To: 'VolusiaExposed.Com' <volusiaexposed@cfl.rr.com>

Subject: RE: VCSO News Releases

Date: Thu, 12 Jan 2017 17:29:08 +0000 (01/12/2017 12:29:08 PM)

I'll fix the problem with you. Mr. Fredrick is a different story.

-----Original Message-----

From: VolusiaExposed.Com [mailto:volusiaexposed@cfl.rr.com]

Sent: Thursday, January 12, 2017 12:17 PM

To: Chitwood, Michael

Subject: Re: VCSO News Releases

Sheriff Chitwood:

I can't tell you how happy this makes me - In this - I am proud to be wrong.

And yes, I was surprised to hear the allegations from Mr. Fredrick - but which was supported by the apparent fact that VolusiaExposed has received no VCSO media release email since January 2, 2017.

Can I assume that VolusiaExposed.Com can expect to receive VCSO email news releases - as we have under the Johnson administration?

Regards,

VolusiaExposed.Com

volusiaexposed@cfl.rr.com

On Thu, 2017-01-12 at 16:55 +0000, **Chitwood, Michael wrote:**

> Thanks for the email. You are misinformed. I assume Henry Fredrick is
> whom you're referring to. I have been nothing but transparent my
> entire career.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: VolusiaExposed.Com [mailto:volusiaexposed@cfl.rr.com]

> Sent: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 2:48 PM

> To: Chitwood, Michael

> Cc: Davidson, Gary; Gant, Andrew; volusiaexposed@cfl.rr.com

> Subject: VCSO News Releases

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> Volusia County Sheriff

> Mike Chitwood
> DeLand, Florida
> mchitwood@vcso.us

Sheriff Chitwood:

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> It has come to our attention that the Volusia County Sheriff
> Department has removed several media outlets from official VCSO NEWS
> RELEASES, this including VolusiaExposed.Com, although we have not been
> officially notified of our removal.
>
> While we were receiving these news releases - PIO Davidson included a
> tag line to these releases which stated - "Information is the currency
> of democracy."
>
> In recent media articles - you stressed the importance of insuring
> that ALL citizens - regardless of economic - social position -
> citizenship would received the very same level of service and
> protection from your department.
>
> Further - you promised in one of these media articles - that the VCSO
> would remain transparent to the public.
>
> While you may or may not see VolusiaExposed.Com - and apparently
> others
> - as media outlets - I can assure you that we receive daily news
> releases from several government agencies - to include the Office of
> Governor Rick Scott.
>
> The Florida Supreme Court has even recognized VolusiaExposed.Com as a
> "local news organization". (see page 2 of the below linked Florida
> Supreme Court decision) [http://law.justia.com/cases/florida/supreme-c
> ourt/2015/sc15-311.html](http://law.justia.com/cases/florida/supreme-court/2015/sc15-311.html)
>
> Sheriff, if you wish to be true to your commitment to equally service
> ALL persons within Volusia County. We submit to you - that your agency
> should do so regardless of their economics - social standing -
> citizenship - OR where they seek their information regarding your
> agency. Absent that - your agency's transparency will always be
> somewhat cloudy.
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> May we suggest that you review the following YOUTUBE video - regarding
> President Richard Nixon's decision to ban reporters from the
> Washington Post. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dHe8lYekBRM>
>
> Our final thoughts - not much surprises us - however, your apparent
> decision to ban certain already recognized media outlets - caught us
> by surprise. Surely - you are better than that.
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> We respectfully ask you to reconsider your decision.
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> Should you reconsider - we will consider this matter closed -

> requiring no additional comments. Absent that - we will have an
> obligation to our readers - to advise them that we are no longer
> receiving VCSO news releases.

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> Regards,

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> VolusiaExposed.Com

> volusiaexposed@cfl.rr.com

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> cc - Gary Davidson

> Andrew Gant

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> bcc - NONE

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