

OPEN LETTER TO SHERIFF MIKE CHITWOOD

August 7, 2025

Sheriff Chitwood:

After much thought and reflection - please consider this our (VolusiaExposed.Com) editorial reply to your below July 18, 2025 email.

As far as your statement that “**nobody really cares what (we) publish**” – we would suggest that you should reach out to Florida’s 18th Circuit Judge Jessica Recksiedler – she may provide you with some additional insight.

In 2015, the **Florida Supreme Court** incorporated one of our articles into their disciplinary finding against Circuit Judge Recksiedler (see below web link – see page two).

<https://cases.justia.com/florida/supreme-court/2015-sc15-311.pdf?ts=1428591973>

You are also welcomed to review the below linked webpage of the Florida Supreme Court where they archived our reporting on Judge Recksiedler.

https://supremecourt.flcourts.gov/content/download/242725/file/SC15-311_%20Volusia_Exposed.pdf

If you need more evidence – then we suggest you reach out to **former** 18th Florida Circuit Court Judge Robin Lemonidis (Brevard).

She was the trial judge in the criminal prosecution of young Mr. Skyler Francis.

Mr. Francis was **originally** arrested for the murder of two Brevard County deputies. The snag in the arrest report was that neither “murdered” deputy had actually died. In reality, both deputies went home the day of their interaction with Mr. Francis. (see below linked charging report)

<https://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/highprofile/bitchofbrevard122020/francisarrest.pdf>

Why allow the “truth” to get in the way of a good law enforcement media spin – right Sheriff Chitwood?

We know these types of law enforcement **lies** will NOT surprise you – sometimes law enforcement will lie about two deputies being murdered - and at other times, the sheriff (YOU) will lie about two kids firing AK-47 gun fire at his deputies. (see below linked YouTube video)

<https://youtu.be/1VMwsKcRRJI?si=kqQ6KQGNxh4hRybw>

Due to Judge Lemonidis antics in the courtroom, making it impossible for Mr. Francis’ defense attorney to present an effective defense – the Florida Judicial Qualification Commission eventually opened a case of judicial misconduct against Judge Lemonidis.

We suspect that our little **insignificant** 2018 OPEN LETTER to the Judicial Qualification Commission assisted in inspiring the JQC actions. (see below linked OPEN LETTER)

<https://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/highprofile/skylarfrancis/skylarfrancis122018/openletter.pdf>

Judge Lemonidis received her verbal reprimand in front of the Florida Supreme Court – and shortly thereafter she abandoned her re-election campaign.

Mr. Francis eventually did receive his hearing for a new trial. However, his new attorney worked out a plea agreement with the State, whereas his sentence was “significantly” reduced – and he was shortly released from prison – under NO probation mandate.

<https://volusiaexposed.com/brevard/bcso/2022/skylerfrancis112022.html>

The 18th Judicial Circuit learned a hard lesson – that “**insignificant reporters**” with the proper level of persistence - can bring about positive change. A lesson we suspect you, and others that choose to support your lies will soon be learning.

In March 1991 – one insignificant man, with a video camera – changed the entire landscape of U.S law enforcement, when he video recorded several Los Angeles police officers beating down Mr. Rodney King.

In the summer of 2020, a then insignificant Minneapolis, Minnesota school girl AGAIN rocked the foundation of U.S. law enforcement, when she video recorded the in-custody murder of Mr. George Floyd.

In the summer of 2021 – YOU presented a false narrative against Ms. Nicole Jackson – a then fourteen year old school girl. You incorrectly advised that world-wide press, that Ms. Jackson and her twelve year-old co-defendant had fired numerous military rounds from a AK-47 rifle at your deputies. (see below VolusiaExposed article – long read – but worth it)

<https://volusiaexposed.com/stateattorney/2025/nicolejackson62025.html>

During a January 27, 2023 hearing – Judge Elizabeth Blackburn advised Ms. Jackson that because of this world-wide media attention – it would be difficult to seat a fair jury for her pending trial. (see below linked judicial statement – within the hearing transcript)

PAGE 33 of hearing transcript

<https://volusiaexposed.com/stateattorney/2025/nicolejackson62025/page33transcript.pdf>

PAGE 40 of hearing transcript

<https://volusiaexposed.com/stateattorney/2025/nicolejackson62025/page40transcript.pdf>

While Judge Blackburn did NOT assign YOU the blame for the high media interest – it is significantly clear, that it was your false narrative against the children that drove the media interest.

Judge Blackburn was able to leverage this media attention – in coercing, Ms. Jackson to accept a plea deal that she had many times declined to accept – demanding a trial instead.

Like in the Francis matter – Ms. Jackson has an on-going post conviction appeal.

VolusiaExposed has also been advised that several college and university professors have authorized our publication as a credible reference for criminal justice related research papers.

The American public has a special affinity for animals and children – especially those that have been abused or trafficked in any matter. We submit to you – and our readers – that Ms. Jackson was trafficked through the Volusia County criminal justice system merely to satisfy your political appetite for media attention.

(see below VolusiaExposed article – once again a long read – but worth it)

<https://volusiaexposed.com/stateattorney/2025/nicolejackson62025.html>

You – and your co-conspirators (prosecutor, public defender, and judge) may continue to cajole yourselves in the belief that **“nobody really cares what (we) publish”** – but in reality, it is becoming more apparent that it is YOU sir that are becoming less relevant regarding what YOU publish.

Your 2021 criminal complaint against Tammy Stuck is just one of many examples of your growing irrelevancy.

Sheriff, you published the below linked statement – charging Mrs. Stuck with lying on one of your deputies. (see below linked document)

<https://volusiaexposed.com/vcso/2021/tammystuck52021/sheriff.pdf>

This publication published an “open letter” to you stating that you had wrongly charged Mrs. Stuck with lying – and we predicted that the State Attorney would opt not to prosecute her. (see below linked open letter)

<https://volusiaexposed.com/vcso/2021/tammystuck52021/chitwoodopenletter52021.pdf>

Shortly thereafter - within a “close out” memo – the State Attorney indeed refused to prosecute Mrs. Stuck. (see below linked SAO memo)

<https://volusiaexposed.com/vcso/2021/stuckcloseout72021/stuckcloseout.pdf>

Your lies against Ms. Nicole Jackson – the fourteen year-old child – remain unresolved – and are pending further Court review. Based upon our feedback, and communications with other media outlets – we suspect that Ms. Jackson’s case will again gain international media attention. However, this time around – we predict that Ms. Jackson will not be the media’s focus – their attention will fall your way – to Sheriff Mike “Pinocchio” Chitwood.

Unfortunately, for you and your agency, your lies qualify you for a top spot on our Brady Cop list. (see below web links)

<https://volusiaexposed.com/stateattorney/bradybunch.html>

<https://volusiaexposed.com/vcso/2025/lyingdeputies12025.html>

Regards,

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“The Insignificant Worm”
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On Fri, 2025-07-18 at 21:03 +0000, Michael Chitwood wrote:

Just so you know, nobody really cares what you publish. Nobody really cares about your emails.

You were just another insignificant worm looking to find a reason to breathe.

Have a great weekend.

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Subject: Nicole Jackson (Child) - Judicial & Prosecutorial misconduct?

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To All:

This email was sent to many - some by cc, others by bcc.

The purpose of this email is to advise each and everyone one of you - of our (VolusiaExposed.Com) concerns regarding the June 2021 arrest and criminal prosecution of a 14 year-old Florida girl (Nicole Jackson (Maldonado))

Our concerns are encapsulated within the below linked article.

Some of you received the "rough draft" version of this article - the article is now fully completed.

Florida's Injustice System

The Railroaded Prosecution Of A Child

Sealed Court Records Expose Judicial & Prosecutorial Misconduct

<https://volusiaexposed.com/stateattorney/2025/nicolejackson62025.html>

For the media representatives that received this email:

You were sent this email - because some of you in the summer of 2021, wrote articles regarding this girl's arrest. She and her 12 year-old co-defendant were the new "Bonnie and Clyde" - as they allegedly attempted to murder several Volusia County deputies within a hail of automatic gun fire. At least that is what the local sheriff wanted you to believe.

The truth was far different (read article for particulars). And per the trial judge own comments (see inclusive court transcript) - because of your media coverage - it would have been difficult to provide this child with a fair jury - so the judge coerced this child into accepting an adult twenty year prison sentence. This judicial coercion transpired within a CLOSED hearing. Recently, the transcript of this closed and sealed hearing was inadvertently released to the public.

The rest of you (media) may have an interest - in exposing yet another corrupt Florida sheriff. (Google it - our Florida sheriffs (plural) over the last few years are getting indicted, or removed at a rather high level. The bonus here is that you also get to exposed - what we believe to be a corrupt judge, public defender, and state attorney too.

If you don't have a professional interest in this matter - maybe you know someone within your profession (media) that may want to review our concerns.

For the principles (sheriff, judge, public defender, state attorney, etc.) covered within this article - well you know what you did, OR failed to do. Shame on all of you !

For everyone else.

You were sent this email - because you were (or should have been) either directly or indirectly involved in this matter, OR we (VolusiaExposed.Com) thought this matter may have some interest to you - AND that you could possibly forward our article to others, that may be able to provide this teenager with some assistance.

Thank You for your time

Regards,

VolusiaExposed.Com

"Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains taken to bring it to light" ~George Washington