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Ms. Gail Colletta, President Florida Action Committee, Inc. 6615 W. Boynton Beach Blvd. #414 Boynton Beach, Florida 33437

Re: Levy County Sheriff's Office, Hurricane Preparedness

Ms. Colletta:

The Levy County Sheriff's Office received your request for information regarding hurricane preparedness as it relates to registered sexual offenders and sexual predators. The below procedures are followed by the LCSO during times of emergency where evacuation orders are issued by the Levy County Department of Emergency Management.

All designated hurricane shelters located in Levy County are Levy County school campuses which are located in Chiefland, Bronson and Williston, Florida. During times of local emergencies and when evacuation orders are issued, each open shelter is staffed by Levy County Deputies who have a current list of registered offenders in the county. Should a registered offender arrive at a shelter seeking safety, that offender's current status related to probationary requirements or sentencing stipulations is checked. If the offender has no court ordered sentencing, sanctions or probationary restrictions prohibiting his/her entry into a general needs shelter the offender is allowed entry.

A sexual offender who is restricted from entering a general needs shelter either by court order or a probationary restriction, that offender is directed to the Levy County Detention Bureau for sheltering. The Detention Bureau has a designated area that is separate from the general population of the jail where the offender is sheltered. This space will only accommodate registered offenders seeking shelter. Family members of the offender would be directed to a general needs shelter during the event.

Upon entry into the Detention Facility the offender's information is collected and a record of his/her admission into the shelter is kept. This record will be forwarded to our clerk who is in charge of sex offender registration at the LCSO when the evacuation event has ended. Thus, satisfying any legal requirements the offender may have regarding registering a temporary address. Offenders who require more information can contact our office at 352-486-5111.

If you have further question, please contact me at the number above.

Sincerely,

Lt. Scott Tummond

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