

September 24, 2017

Sheriff Ken J. Mascara St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office 4700 West Midway Road Fort Pierce, FL 34981 SENT VIA EMAIL Slsoinfo@stluciesheriff.com

Dear Sheriff Mascara:

The Florida Action Committee (FAC) is a not-for-profit public safety advocacy organization. Among our members are registered sex offenders/predators and their families.

Several of our members in St. Lucie have shared a notification, that was hand delivered to them by your deputies, concerning their requirement to register Internet Identifiers in your County. The notice contained requirements that exceed the requirements set forth in F.S. §§ 943.0435/775.21.

Specifically, your notice states the registrant must "<u>close</u> or register <u>any and all</u> internet identifiers* including social media and email accounts <u>in my name</u>. This includes, but not limited to, any accounts and/or electronic mail addresses <u>opened prior to my conviction</u>." (emphasis added).

The relevant State Statutes provide that this information is only required to be reported "<u>after using</u> such electronic mail addresses and Internet identifiers." It makes no reference to accounts "in [the registrant's] name", only ones used. It also does not require unused accounts be closed.

The relevant State Statute further sets forth exemptions for the reporting of certain Internet Identifiers, whereas your notice states "any and all."

Some of our members have convictions dating back decades. Your requirement that these individuals now recall the potentially thousands of Internet Identifiers "in their name" they may have opened years ago so they can "report or close" them within 48 hours, under threat of a third-degree felony, naturally concerns them.

Further, it is our belief that charging individuals with third degree felonies for violating your enhanced Internet Identifier rules violates Section 18, Article I of the Florida Constitution which provides that "[n]o administrative agency, . . . shall impose a sentence of imprisonment, nor shall it impose any other penalty except as provided by law."

I am writing to respectfully request you reconsider your County's enhanced Internet Identifier rule and/or your enforcement thereof. This organization will otherwise seek to challenge it in the Courts.

Sincerely,

S/

Gail Colletta, President The Florida Action Committee, Inc.