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Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE)
Missing Persons and Offender Registration
2331 Phillips Road
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SENT VIA EMAIL
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RE: SCAMS PERPETRATED AGAINST PERSONS ON THE REGISTRY

To Whom It May Concern:

The Florida Action Committee is a not-for-profit public safety advocacy group. Our organization is comprised of over 2000 members, among them registered Sexual Offenders/Predators.

Many of our members have contacted us to let us know that they have been the target of a crime whereby someone pretending to be from law enforcement contacts them, claiming there is an outstanding warrant for their arrest, they failed to provide a DNA sample or under some other guise with the intent of inducing a payment or luring the target to a location in order to rob or assault them.

We know that your agency is aware of the scams, because you have posted a warning on your website (see: <https://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/sops/important.jsf>). This warning, however, does very little to prevent the crime as many registrants do not have internet access, and few would prophetically check the FDLE website to find this warning.

In fact, many of the individuals who contact us find our posts about the scam on the Internet. Unfortunately, however, it is only *after* they have been victimized.

As the state-wide investigative law enforcement agency for Florida, we hope that you will do your part to stop this crime from taking place and prevent more individuals from being victimized. Further, if you are the agency that makes this information publicly accessible and facilitates these scammers' access to the data, we feel that you have a duty to warn against this known danger.

We are doing our best to prevent further victimization by disseminating warnings, but our membership roster reaches only three percent (3%) of this population. Postage for approximately 70,000 mail pieces would be cost prohibitive for our non-profit organization.

Accordingly, we ask that you proactively warn the more than seventy thousand identifiable potential victims of this scam. You can easily do this by mailing a notice to those on the registry. In the alternative, you can fund the postage and our organization will facilitate the mailing.

No matter which side of the “registry fence” we stand on, we hopefully can both agree on a common mission to prevent crime in any form. I now count on you to take the appropriate and necessary action.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

s/

Gail Colletta, President

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