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The Honorable Dean J. Trantalis
Mayor, City of Fort Lauderdale
100 N. Andrews Avenue
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SENT VIA EMAIL

**RE: HOMELESS REGISTRANTS IN FORT LAUDERDALE AND YOUR
RECENT LOCAL 10 INTERVIEW**

Dear Mayor Trantalis:

I am writing on behalf of the Florida Action Committee, Inc. (FAC) in response to your recent interview with Local 10 News concerning homeless individuals required to register who have been spending nights at a Fort Lauderdale shopping center.

During the interview, you suggested that the City was only now made aware of the problem. Respectfully, that characterization is disingenuous.

FAC has made the City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County officials, and lawmakers very aware of this issue for years. In fact, attached is a copy of a letter sent in July 2021 to Broward County lawmakers, with copy to you, specifically warning that Fort Lauderdale had become home to the overwhelming majority of Broward County's homeless registrants because residency restriction ordinances had eliminated virtually all lawful housing options.

At the time, we warned that hundreds of people were being legislated into homelessness and that the situation would inevitably worsen if policymakers failed to act. Those warnings were ignored.

The circumstances highlighted in the Local 10 investigation did not arise overnight. They are the predictable result of policies that have existed for decades and that FAC and our members in Ft. Lauderdale have repeatedly brought to your attention.

Research consistently demonstrates that residency restrictions do not reduce sexual reoffending, but they do increase housing instability, homelessness, and transience, making it more difficult for law enforcement and supervision agencies to monitor individuals effectively. We've raised these concerns to you for years, citing statistics, government findings and peer-reviewed research.

We understand that this is a politically disfavored population. Few elected officials are eager to champion solutions for people on the registry, regardless of whether those solutions improve public safety. However, leadership requires confronting difficult issues, not ignoring them until a television camera arrives.

Now that this situation has received media attention, we sincerely hope the City will take meaningful action to find housing for this population. We also hope that by copying Local 10 News on this correspondence, the public will gain a fuller understanding of the history behind this issue. The homeless encampments and overnight sleeping arrangements depicted in their report are not a new problem that you were unaware of. They are the foreseeable consequence of warnings that you chose to ignore.

FAC remains willing to meet with City officials and other stakeholders to discuss practical, evidence-based solutions that promote both public safety and housing stability.

Respectfully,

/s/

Gail Colletta, President Emeritus
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July 21, 2021

All Lawmakers Representing Broward County
Broward County Legislative Delegation
115 S. Andrews Ave., Room 429
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

**RE: THE HOMELESS SEX OFFENDER
PROBLEM IN BROWARD COUNTY**

Dear Lawmakers:

I am President of the Florida Action Committee (FAC), a 2000+ member non-profit organization that advocates for public safety and laws based on empirical research. Our focus is on the Florida Sex Offender Registry.

There are currently more than three hundred (300) persons required to register living homeless in Broward County. That number represents 25.52% of all persons required to register in the County. These people are legislated into homelessness by laws excluding them from living within a radius of certain landmarks. These Sex Offender Residency Restrictions (SORRs) include the County's SORR Ordinance (Sec. 21-167A) and a patchwork of City Ordinances that further restrict housing.

Presently, 80.6% of these people live in the City of Ft. Lauderdale, within the general vicinity of 2700-2900 North Federal Highway.¹ They sleep outdoors in this small pocket of availability because it is one of the few remaining locations where somebody on the registry could lawfully "live" in Broward County.

¹ <https://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/publicDataFile.jsf>

In May, Monarch Montessori Academy began operating at 2624 Middle River Dr in Fort Lauderdale. The Ft. Lauderdale SORR (Sec. 16-127), precludes persons required to register from residing within 1,400 feet of a school, day care, park or playground. Under Florida Statutes, even a transient location is considered a “residence”.

Accordingly, persons required to register will now be precluded from “residing” in one of the last remaining viable pockets of availability in the County. For the reasons outlined herein, this presents an impending public safety crisis in Broward and is a matter that requires the immediate attention of lawmakers at the City, County and State levels.

Later this year, the Florida Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government (OPPAGA) will issue its triannual report on sex offender management. Their last report found that there was a 53 percent increase in the number of persons required to register in Florida² during the preceding fifteen years.³ That pace has not slowed. As more individuals are added to the registry and the already limited availability of compliant housing is diminished, research suggests that Broward’s safety will be compromised, rather than protected.

SORRs drastically reduce the availability of compliant housing options.⁴ As the number of registrants grows⁵, and the availability of already limited housing is consumed or eliminated, the number of transient (homeless) registrants will increase.

With the recent opening of a childcare center closing off the largest pocket of compliant land for registrants in Broward to go, they will have no options other than to go underground, and currently no homeless shelter in Broward County accepts persons required to register.

² Broward County has tripled during the same period.

³ <http://www.oppaga.state.fl.us/MonitorDocs/Reports/pdf/1808rpt.pdf>

⁴ Socia, Kelly M., et al. ““Brothers Under the Bridge” Factors Influencing the Transience of Registered Sex Offenders in Florida.” *Sexual Abuse* 27.6 (2015): 559-586.

⁵ The State of Florida mandates *all* persons required to register do so for their entire lifetime.

While we appreciate the popularity of these SORRs, as lawmakers your primary concern should be public safety. Research suggests there is no evidence that SORRs reduce sexual offending or recidivism.⁶ This fact has been demonstrated across numerous studies, including the U.S. Department of Justice, which concluded that SORRs should not be viewed as a viable strategy for protecting communities.⁷

On the contrary, SORRs create barriers to reentry by fostering housing instability, separation from family and support systems, and isolation, all of which are factors that *increase* recidivism. Transient registrants are more likely than those with homes to abscond from registration.⁸ For registration to be effective, law enforcement needs to know where registrants are located. SORRs frustrate that purpose and make probation and supervision more difficult. An international, interdisciplinary non-profit organization for the advancement of professional standards and practices in the field of sex offender evaluation and treatment suggests that SORRs may cause *higher* levels of recidivism.⁹ SORRs also create a fiscal burden for taxpayers associated with mapping, monitoring, enforcement, court costs, and incarceration costs.

While we appreciate this topic can be incendiary, it is one that can no longer go unaddressed. Accordingly, we urge lawmakers to consider the foregoing and immediately convene a committee to address this critical public safety issue.

Respectfully Submitted,
/s/ Gail Colletta
Gail Colletta, President

⁶ Nobles, Matt R., Jill S. Levenson, and Tasha J. Youstin. "Effectiveness of residence restrictions in preventing sex offense recidivism." *Crime & Delinquency* 58.4 (2012): 491-513

⁷ http://smart.gov/SOMAPI/sec2/ch6_registration.html

⁸ Levenson, J. S., Ackerman, A. R., Socia, K. M., & Harris, A. J. (2015). Where for Art Thou? Transient Sex Offenders and Residence Restrictions. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 26(4), 319-344.
doi:10.1177/0887403413512326

⁹ https://www.atsa.com/pdfs/Policy/2014-02-18_ATSA_CCASA_Amicus_Brief.pdf



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November 15, 2022

Broward Homeless Initiative Partnership
SENT VIA EMAIL
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RE: HOMELESS IN THE CITY OF FT. LAUDERDALE

To Whom It May Concern:

I am President of the Florida Action Committee, Inc., a 2,500+ member non-profit that advocates for public safety based on empirical evidence and best practices. Our focus is on the population of persons required to register as sex offenders in Florida. We follow the homeless situation in South Florida very closely because so many on the registry experience housing instability.

We read your recent 2022 Point in Time Annual Report to HUD and saw that you reported 415 unsheltered homeless in the City of Ft. Lauderdale. According to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), there are 331 homeless individuals required to register as sex offenders in Ft. Lauderdale. A list of these individuals is attached for your reference as Exhibit 1.

Based on your numbers, **eighty percent (80%) of the unsheltered homeless in the city of Ft. Lauderdale are registered sex offenders.**

This statistic is consistent with other metropolitan areas in South Florida. For example, the Miami-Dade Homeless Trust, reported in their January Point in Time Count that 591 persons were living on the streets in the City of Miami. 445 of those 591 individuals, or 75% of the homeless population in the City of Miami, are registered sex offenders.

The cause for this homeless crisis is sex offender residency restrictions (SORR) that prevent persons on the registry from residing within most of the residential area within these cities. The City of Ft. Lauderdale has a 1,400-foot exclusion zone. I have attached a map of Ft. Lauderdale illustrating the exclusion zones for your reference as Exhibit 2.

Our organization recently overlayed the map with a second map showing the residential units available for rent and identified three (3) residences that are compliant with the Ft. Lauderdale SORR. Three units to potentially accommodate 331 people is not a viable solution to a growing crisis.

If not for the SORRs, most of these individuals could find housing or would be welcome to stay with family or friends who currently live within an exclusion zone.

Our purpose in writing to you is to share these statistics, which in our mind serve as a glaring indicator of the true source of this problem. When 75-80% of an affected population share one commonality, it is irresponsible to ignore that factor. Additionally, since November is 'Homelessness Awareness Month' in Ft. Lauderdale, by copy to the City Commissioners, we respectfully ask what the City is doing about this issue.

I would welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this further and/or to provide you or HUD with any additional information.

Sincerely,
/s/ Gail Colletta
Gail Colletta, President
Florida Action Committee, Inc.

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City of Ft. Lauderdale Commission (c/o JeJohnson@fortlauderdale.gov)

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	LAST_NAM		TRANS_ADDRES		
	FIRST_NAME	E	S_LINE_1	TRANS_ADDRESS_LINE_2	TRANS_CITY
1	TERRON	AARON	Transient	441 and Commercial Blvd	Fort Lauderdale
2	JUSTIN	AARON	TRANSIENT	2700 BLOCK N FED HWY	Fort Lauderdale
3	Levi	Adams	TRANSIENT	US27 AND GRIFFIN ROAD	Fort Lauderdale
4	Harris	Adkins	TRANSIENT	31ST AVE AND 8TH ST	FORT LAUDERDALE
5	Damion	Allan	TRANSIENT	BROWARD BLVD PARK BENCH	FORT LAUDERDALE
6	JAIRO	ALONSO ES	TRANSIENT	411 AND OAKLAND PARK BLVD	FORT LAUDERDALE
7	Carlos	Alvarez	Transient	ANDREWS AVE AND BROWARD BLVD	Fort Lauderdale
8	Denis	Alvarez	Transient	2700-2900 Federal Hwy	Fort Lauderdale
9	Paul	Anderson	TRANSIENT	DAVIE BLVD 441	FORT LAUDERDALE
10	SERGIO	ANDRADE	Transient	2400 blk N federal hwy	fort lauderdale
11	Stephane	Antwi	TRANSIENT		FORT LAUDERDALE
12	ADAM	ARENSTEIN	TRANSIENT	2700 N FEDERAL HIGHWAY	Fort Lauderdale
13	John	Arman	TRANSIENT	2731 NORTH FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
14	CHRISTOPHER	AYALA	Transient	2700 Block N Federal Hwy	Fort Lauderdale
15	LUIS	BAEZ	TRANSIENT		FORT LAUDERDALE
16	Craig	Baker	Transient	SE 17TH ST & FEDERAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDALE
17	HOWARD	BALL	Transient	2500 BLK N FEDERAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDALE
18	Wayne	Barnes	TRANSIENT	26 STREET AND FEDERAL HIGHWAY	FORT LAUDERDALE
19	Darla	Baskin	Transient	NE 26TH ST AND FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
20	JAMES	BELL	TRANSIENT		Fort Lauderdale
21	TERENCE	BENSON	TRANSIENT	FEDERAL HWY AND 2600 STREET	FORT LAUDERDALE
22	DANIEL	BJORKLAND	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
23	Everton	Blake	Transient	2700 Blk n Federal Hwy	Fort Lauderdale
24	GAITAN	BLANCHARD	TRANSIENT	2600 BLK N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
25	JESUS	BLANCO	TRANSIENT		FORT LAUDERDALE
26	CHARLES	BONNEY		Broward Blvd And Sw 9th Ave	Fort Lauderdale
27	James	Boucher	Transient	Davie Blvd And Sw 32nd Ave	Fort Lauderdale
28	Eddie	Brooks	TRANSIENT	HOMELESS/1700 BLK E SUN	Fort Lauderdale
29	CLAVIN	BROWN	TRANSIENT	2600 N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
30	George	Brown	TRANSIENT	2700 BLOCK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
31	James	Burch	Transient	2700 Block And Federal Hwy	Fort Lauderdale
32	SHAWN	BURDMAN	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
33	Timothy	Burgess	Transient	Sr 84 And Sw 4th Ave	Fort Lauderdale
34	Robert	Burke	Transient	BROWARD AND 441	Fort Lauderdale
35	TRACY	BUTLER	Transient	2600-2700 Blk Federal Hwy	Fort Lauderdale
36	John	Bynes	TRANSIENT	2600-2800 BLK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
37	JULIE	CALLIHAN	Transient	Andrews Ave And Cypress Creek Blvd	Fort Lauderdale
38	RUBEN	CALVO	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
39	Benston	Campbell	Transient	N FEDERAL HWY & NE 26TH STREET	FORT LAUDERDALE
40	WILLIAM	CAPASSO	TRANSIENT	BAY 1 1ST ST	FORT LAUDERDALE
41	BOBBY	CARTER	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
42	Jerl	Cason	TRANSIENT	2600 N FED HIGHWAY	Fort Lauderdale
43	THOMAS	CATALINO	TRANSIENT	1700 E SUNRISE BLVD	Fort Lauderdale
44	Louis	Chicklis	TRANSIENT	1500 SE 17TH ST	Fort Lauderdale
45	LACHANCE	CHING	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
46	ANDREW	CHRISTIAN	TRANSIENT	SUNRISE AND 31ST	Fort Lauderdale
47	TERAVIAN	CLAIRMONT	TRANSIENT	2600 BLK N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
48	Tommy	Clark	Transient	13TH STREET AND 21ST AVE	FORT LAUDERDALE
49	Christopher	Clark	TRANSIENT	2700 N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
50	William	Clarke	TRANSIENT		FORT LAUDERDALE

51	WILLIE	CLAY	TRANSIENT	2600-2800 BLOCK N FED HWY	Fort Lauderdale
52	Emerito	Colon	TRANSIENT	2600 N FEDERAL HWY FT LAUD	FORT LAUDERDALE
53	Theophers	Cooper	TRANSIENT	27TH AVE AND BROWARD BLVD	FORT LAUDERDALE
54	Samuel	Cooper	Transient	Federal Hwy And Oakland Park	Fort Lauderdale
55	BRANDON	COOPER	Transient	1700 E SUNRISE BLVD	Fort Lauderdale
56	ROY	COX	TRANSIENT	2600 N FEDERAL HWY FT LAUD	FORT LAUDERDALE
57	TREAVOR	CROSBY	TRANSIENT	AT THE INTERSECTON	FORT LAUDERDALE
58	GERMANY	CROSS	TRANSIENT	FEDERAL HWY AND NE 26 ST	Fort Lauderdale
59	Joseph	Crutchley	Transient	US 1 AND SUNRISE BLVD	FORT LAUDERDALE
60	Errol	Cunningham	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK FEDERAL HWY FT LDLE	FORT LAUDERDALE
61	Steven	Curl	Transient	MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD AND BROWA	Fort Lauderdale
62	ORELIO	DANIELS	Transient	1500 BLK SE 17TH ST CAUSEWAY	Fort Lauderdale
63	Robert	Darby	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
64	Warren	Darlow	Transient	South Andrews Avenue and W Las Olas B	FORT LAUDERDALE
65	SAM	DAVERMAN	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
66	Lyndon	Davis	TRANSIENT	I95 AND BROWARD BLVD	FORT LAUDERDALE
67	Alfonzo	Davis	Transient	2600-2800 N FEDERAL HWY	FORTLAUDERDALE
68	BUELL	DEAN	Transient	3500 BLK & 19TH TERRANCE	FORT LAUDERDALE
69	LARRY	DELANEY	Transient	SE 3RD AVE AND DAVIE BLVD	FORT LAUDERDALE
70	ALFRED	DELEO	TRANSIENT	2600 BLOCK OF US1	FORT LAUDERDALE
71	JOHN	DERENZO	Transient	15th St And State Rd 84	Fort Lauderdale
72	Michael	Digregorio	TRANSIENT	STATE ROAD 84 AND 15TH AVENUE	FORT LAUDERDALE
73	CHARLES	DIXON	TRANSIENT	2700 BLOCK OF FEDERAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDALE
74	ANTHONY	DONALDSON	Transient	2400 BLK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
75	HENDERSON	DUNBAR	TRANSIENT	2700 BLOCK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
76	MICHAEL	DURHAM	TRANSIENT	2450 N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
77	Steven	Edwards	TRANSIENT	FED HWY AND OAKLAND	Fort Lauderdale
78	Jeffrey	Eggemeyer	TRANSIENT	HOMELESS/US1 AND 28TH ST	Fort Lauderdale
79	ROBBIE	EVANS	TRANSIENT	2600 N FEDERAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDALE
80	ROBERT	FLEENER	TRANSIENT	TRANSIENT: 2650 BLOCK N FED HW	FORT LAUDERDALE
81	WILLIAM	FLEMINGS	Transient	5TH AVE AND 7TH ST	FORT LAUDERDALE
82	CAMERON	FONTENOT	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
83	Jackie	Forbes	TRANSIENT	2700-2800 BLK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
84	Aeneas	Ford	TRANSIENT	NE 26ST ST & US1	FORT LAUDERDALE
85	FERDINAND	FOUNTAIN	TRANSIENT	ANDREW & BROWARD @ LIBRARY	Fort Lauderdale
86	GEORGE	FRANCIS	Transient	COMMERCIAL BLVD AND 441	Fort Lauderdale
87	SHERMAN	FULTON	TRANSIENT	BROWARD AND I95	FORT LAUDERDALE
88	RICARDO	GAMIS	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
89	Carlos	Garcia	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
90	Nickie	Garcia	TRANSIENT	TRANSIENT: 2650 BLOCK N FED HW	FORT LAUDERDALE
91	JASON	GARCIA	Transient	2700 Block Of N Federal Hwy	Fort Lauderdale
92	EDWIN	GARCIA	Transient	FEDERAL HWY AND 20TH STREET	Fort Lauderdale
93	TYRONE	GARDNER	TRANSIENT	1750 E SUNRISE BLVD	Fort Lauderdale
94	Samuel	German	TRANSIENT	2600 BLK US1	Fort Lauderdale
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96	Mark	Girlie	TRANSIENT	BROWARD & 33RD AVE	FORT LAUDERDALE
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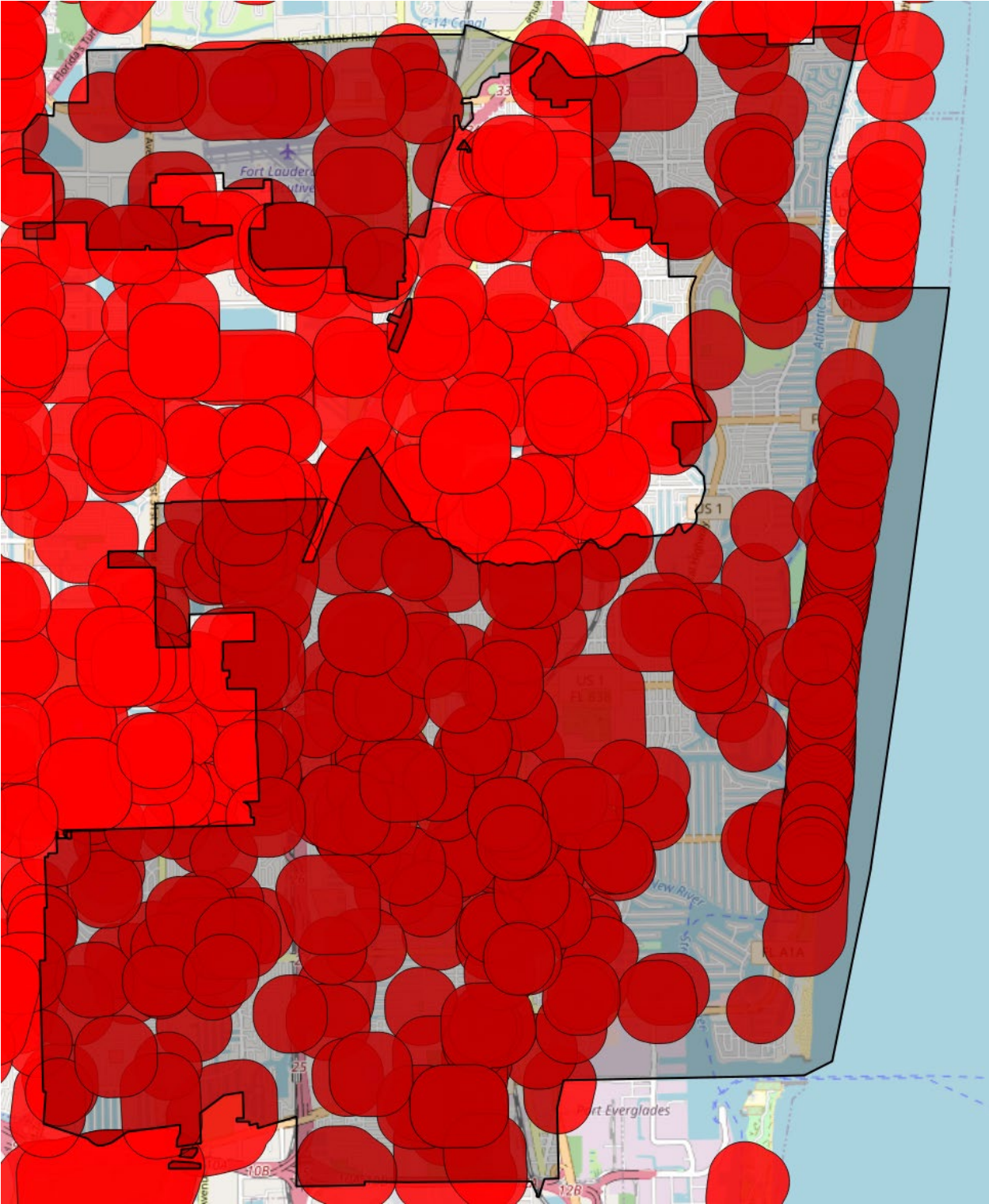
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111	Luishon	Greene	Transient	2700 Blk N Federal Hwy	Fort Lauderdale
112	Christopher	Griffith	Transient	E Oakland Park Blvd And N Federal Hwy	Fort Lauderdale
113	SEAN	GRIGORUK	TRANSIENT	COMMERCIAL BLVD & POWERLINE RD	FORT LAUDERDALE
114	MICHAEL	GROSSO	Transient	Fort Lauderdale	Fort Lauderdale
115	STEVE	GUILBAUD	TRANSIENT	OAKLAND PARK AND 31ST AVE	Fort Lauderdale
116	MICHAEL	GWIN	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
117	Jonathan	Hall	Transient	2700 Block N Federal Hwy	Fort Lauderdale
118	SAMUEL	HAMIAN	Transient	2400 N FEDERAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDALE
119	TERRY	HAND	Transient	2600 blk federal hwy	Fort Lauderdale
120	DONALD	HART	TRANSIENT	UNDER 441 & I-595 BRIDGE	FORT LAUDERDALE
121	RICHARD	HAYDEN	Transient	2700 Block Of N Federal Hwy	Fort Lauderdale
122	JASON	HEMANS	TRANSIENT	2700 BLOCK OF N FEDERDAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDALE
123	DWIGHT	HENRY	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
124	MICHEL	HERCHI	Transient	1500 BLOCK AND SE 17TH ST	FORT LAUDERDALE
125	Elpidio	Hernandez	TRANSIENT	595 AND 441	FORT LAUDERDALE
126	HUBERT	HERNANDE	Transient	63rd St And Federal Hwy	Fort Lauderdale
127	KENNETH	HERRING	Transient	1700 BLK SUNRISE BLVD	FORT LAUDERDALE
128	Ricky	Hill	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK N FED HWY	Fort Lauderdale
129	RICKIE	HOGGINS	TRANSIENT	2600 BLK N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
130	Gregory	Holland	TRANSIENT	1500 SE 17TH STREET/CAUSEWAY BLOCK	FORT LAUDERDA
131	Lee	Holmes	Transient	2700 BLK AND BROWARD BLVD	FORT LAUDERDALE
132	TYRONE	HOLMES	Transient	2700 Block N Federal Hwy	Fort Lauderdale
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134	MICHAEL	HOMER	TRANSIENT	2700 BLOCK N FED HWY	Fort Lauderdale
135	Christopher	Hope	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
136	Edward	Hope	Transient	2600 blk federal hwy	Fort Lauderdale
137	George	Horne	Transient	24TH ST AND 46TH AVE	Fort Lauderdale
138	DAMIAN	HUDSON	TRANSIENT	NW 34TH ST AND BROWARD	Fort Lauderdale
139	RICHARD	HYER			Fort Lauderdale
140	Stacy	Isom	Transient	NW 6TH ST AND 22ND AVE	FORT LAUDERDALE
141	BARAK	ISRAEL	Transient	800 Blk Of 12th Ave	Fort Lauderdale
142	Jerome	Jackson	TRANSIENT	2700 BLOCK OF N FEDERAL	FORT LAUDERD
143	Antonio	Jackson	Transient	Broward Blvd And Andrew Ave	Fort Lauderdale
144	IZEL	JACKSON	Transient	Fort Lauderdale	FORT LAUDERDALE
145	STEPHAN	JACKSON	Absconded		Fort Lauderdale
146	BRODERICK	JAMES	TRANSIENT	2600 N FEDERAL HWY FT LAUD	FORT LAUDERDALE
147	Jasper	Jenkins	TRANSIENT	2600 FEDERAL HIGHWAY	FORT LAUD
148	Lucius	Jenkins	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
149	Jerome	Jerry	TRANSIENT	95 AND SUNRISE BLVD	FORT LAUDERDALE
150	Oliver	Johnkins	Transient	1700 BLK E SUNRISE BLVD	Fort Lauderdale
151	Marcus	Johnson	Transient	NE 10th Ave & E Sunrise Blvd	Fort Lauderdale
152	JAMES	JOHNSON	Transient	Oakland Park And Federal Hwy	Fort Lauderdale
153	WILLIE	JOHNSON	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
154	RAYMOND	JOHNSON	TRANSIENT	SUNRISE AND ANDREWS AVE	FORT LAUDERDALE

155	CHRISTOPHER	JOHNSON	Transient	1500 BLOCK SE 17TH STREET	FORT LAUDERDALE
156	Harry	Joiner	Transient	SUNRISE BLVD AND NE 15TH AVE	Fort Lauderdale
157	James	Jones	TRANSIENT	TRANSIENT	Fort Lauderdale
158	JOHNNY	JONES	TRANSIENT	2700 N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
159	FREDERICK	JONES	Transient	BROWARD BLVD AND SW 22ND ST	Fort Lauderdale
160	WILLIAM	JONES	Transient	1700 BLOCK EAST SUNRISE BLVD	FORT LAUDERDALE
161	WILFRID	JOSEPH	Transient	1700 Blk E Sunrise blvd	fort lauderdale
162	KENNETH	KELLER	TRANSIENT	A1A - COMMERCIAL N OAKLAND PAR	FORT LAUDERDALE
163	KENNETH	KELLEY	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
164	GERALD	KELLY	TRANSIENT	US1 NE 27 STREET	Fort Lauderdale
165	JABIOYA	KENDRICKS	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK FEDERAL HWY FT LDLE	FORT LAUDERDALE
166	Johnny	Kennedy	TRANSIENT	926 NW 7TH AVE	FORT LAUDERDALE
167	Larance	Kimbrough	Transient	2900 BLOCK FEDERAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDALE
168	ALVIN	KNIGHT	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
169	DAMIAN	KOZAK	TRANSIENT	BWD BLVD AND LAS OLAS	FORT LAUDERDALE
170	Lester	Kreger	Transient	OAKLAND AND FEDERAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDALE
171	CIRO	KUANG	TRANSIENT	2600 N FEDERAL HWY 33306	Fort Lauderdale
172	Henry	Langlitz	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
173	Gregory	Laster	Transient	NW 27th Ave AND W Broward Blvd	FORT LAUDERDALE
174	James	Latona	Transient	17th ST AND CORDOVA RD	Fort Lauderdale
175	James	Lawson	Transient	GRIFFIN AND 95 UNDER BRIDGE	Fort Lauderdale
176	LEOND	LAZARRE	TRANSIENT	OAKLAND PARK & FEDERAL HWY 26-	FORT LAUDERDALE
177	Joseph	Levins	TRANSIENT	2700 BLOCK N FED HWAY	FORT LAUDERDALE
178	JENNA	LINDEN	Transient	Oakland Park Blvd And Federal Hwy	Fort Lauderdale
179	James	Linder	Transient	1700 BLK E SUNRISE BLVD	FORT LAUDERDALE
180	Erik	Lopez	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
181	RODRICK	LOVETT	TRANSIENT	2700 N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
182	Leonard	Lovett	TRANSIENT	FEDERAL HWY AND OAKLAND PARK B	FORT LAUDERDALE
183	Arthur	Lyons III	Transient	US 1 AND 17TH ST	Fort Lauderdale
184	Antonio	Madamba	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK N FED HWY	Fort Lauderdale
185	MICHAEL	MAHAMMI	Transient	1500 BLK SE 17TH ST	Fort Lauderdale
186	JULIAN	MALAVE	TRANSIENT	2650 N FEDERAL HIGHWAY	Fort Lauderdale
187	William	Mallory	TRANSIENT	2700 BOCK N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
188	Tyrone	Malone	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK OF N FEDERAL HW	FORT LAUDERDA
189	JUAN	MANNIS	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
190	RONALD	MARCELIN	TRANSIENT	SUNRISE AND ANDREWS AVE	FORT LAUDERDALE
191	Daniel	Marrero	Transient	US 27 & Griffins Road	Fort Lauderdale
192	KEN	MATHIS	TRANSIENT	FEDERAL HWY AND NE 26 ST	Fort Lauderdale
193	CLIFFORD	MAXIMILIEN	Transient	SE 3RD AVE & SE 7TH STREET	FORT LAUDERDALE
194	JOHNATHAN	MAXWELL	TRANSIENT	2600 N BLOCK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
195	KEITH	MCBRIDE	TRANSIENT	27TH AVE AND BROWARD BLVD	FORT LAUDERDALE
196	KEITH	MCCALL	Transient	1500 BLOCK SE 17TH CAUSEWAY	FORT LAUDERDALE
197	JERRY	MCCALL	Transient	2700 - 2800 BLK FEDERAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDALE
198	NAPOLEAN	MCCRAY	TRANSIENT	OAKLAND PK BLVD AND 441	FORT LAUDERDALE
199	JOHN	MCDONALD	TRANSIENT		Fort Lauderdale
200	Joseph	McKay	Transient	2400 BLK BROWARD BLVD	FORT LAUDERDALE
201	Lebron	Mckenzie	TRANSIENT	2700 BLOCK OF FEDERAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDALE
202	ANGELO	MENDES	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
203	WILLIAM	MENDOZA	TRANSIENT	1700 BLOCK SUNRISE BLVD	Fort Lauderdale
204	ROBERTO	MENDOZA	TRANSIENT	1700 E SUNRISE	Fort Lauderdale
205	Jared	Meza	TRANSIENT	2700 BLOCK/FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
206	Jayson	Miller	Transient	LAS OLAS BLVD AND A1A	Fort Lauderdale

207	IVAN	MITCHELL	Transient	100 BLK W SUNRISE BLVD	Fort Lauderdale
208	Terrance	Moore	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
209	Ivan	Morales	TRANSIENT	UNDER BRIDGE AT TRI RAIL STAT	Fort Lauderdale
210	Adrian	Morlanne	Transient	E Sunrise Blvd and N Victoria park rd	fort lauderdale
211	DOYENE	MORRIS	TRANSIENT	2650 N FEDERAL HWY FT LAUD	FORT LAUDERDALE
212	JAMES	MORRIS	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK N FED HWY	Fort Lauderdale
213	PATRICK	MORRIS	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
214	JIMMIE	MOSS	Transient	4TH PL AND 28TH AVE	Fort Lauderdale
215	Frederick	Muller	Transient	26TH AND FEDERAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDALE
216	DERRICK	MURDOCK	TRANSIENT	2600 BLK N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
217	Nicholas	Nelson	Transient	57TH ST AND 19TH AVE	Fort Lauderdale
218	Wilfredo	Olavarria	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
219	JASON	OLREIDGE	TRANSIENT	2700-2800 BLK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
220	RENIS	OLRIEDGE	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
221	CURTIS	ORR	TRANSIENT	2700 BLOCK OF FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
222	JERMAINE	OSBORN	TRANSIENT	2600 BLOCK N FERERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
223	DANIEL	OSORIO	TRANSIENT	ANDREWS AND CYPRESS	FORTLAUDERDALE
224	ALBERTO	PARET	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
225	Joseph	Pearson	Transient	E Oakland Park Blvd AND N Federal Hwy	FORT LAUDERDALE
226	Ryan	Perez	TRANSIENT	2700 S FEDERAL HWY/HOMELESS	Fort Lauderdale
227	LEONARD	PEREZ	TRANSIENT	2400 N FEDERAL HIGHWAY	Fort Lauderdale
228	Efrain	Planas	TRANSIENT	FORT LAUDERDALE AIRPORT	Fort Lauderdale
229	ALPHONSO	PLUMMER	Transient	Broward Blvd And 7th Ave	Fort Lauderdale
230	Tommy	Plummer	TRANSIENT	441 AND 19TH ST	Fort Lauderdale
231	SCOTT	PORES	Transient	1700 Blk E Sunrise blvd	fort lauderdale
232	GUETCHEN	POSY	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
233	CHRISTOPHER	PRICE	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
234	EVANS	PROSPERE	TRANSIENT	OAKLAND PARK & FEDERAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDALE
235	RANDALL	PURCELL	TRANSIENT	1700 BLOCK E SUNRISE	Fort Lauderdale
236	Raul	Quineche	Transient	2700-2800 Blk Federal Hwy	Fort Lauderdale
237	JOHN	REATZ	Transient	2400 N FEDERAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDALE
238	JASON	REESE	TRANSIENT	2600 N FEDERAL HIGHWAY	FTLAUDERDAL
239	BOBBY	RICHARDSON	TRANSIENT	2700 N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
240	TRACEY	RIGGINS	Transient	2600 blk n federal hwy	fort lauderdale
241	Ernesto	Rivera	TRANSIENT	OAKLAND AVE AND 19TH AVE	FORT LAUDERDALE
242	Derrick	Roberson	TRANSIENT	2600 BLK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
243	RICHARD	ROBERTS	TRANSIENT	1500 BLOCK SE 17TH ST	Fort Lauderdale
244	Gregory	Robinson	Transient	2700 Blk N Federal Highway	Fort Lauderdale
245	TAMIA	ROBINSON	Transient	Hwy 411 and Oakland Park Blvd	Fort Lauderdale
246	KEITH	ROBINSON	TRANSIENT	2700 N FEDERAL HIGHWAY	FORT LAUDERDALE
247	COURTNEY	ROBINSON	Transient	2600 blk federal hwy	Fort Lauderdale
248	MARITZA	RODRIGUEZ	Transient	broward	fort lauderdale
249	ALBERTO	RODRIGUEZ	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
250	WILLIAM	RODRIGUEZ	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
251	MELISSA	ROMANELLO	Transient	2700 Blk Federal Highway	Fort Lauderdale
252	DANIEL	ROONEY	TRANSIENT		FORT LAUDERDALE
253	JEFFREY	ROTSART	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
254	R	Samuel		2700 BLK N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
255	WARREN	SAMUEL	TRANSIENT	2700 BLOCK N FEDERAL HGWY	Fort Lauderdale
256	FREDRICO	SANCHEZ	TRANSIENT	2600 BLK & N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
257	Carlos	Sanchez	TRANSIENT	1500 BLK SE 17TH STREET	Fort Lauderdale
258	Philip	Sanders	Transient	18 N ANDREWS AVE	FORT LAUDERDALE

259	TRE-SHAUN	SAUNDERS	TRANSIENT	2400 N FEDERAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDA
260	ARRON	SAYWACK	Transient	1700 Blk E Sunrise blvd	fort lauderdale
261	John	Sciacca	Transient	CYPRESS CRK AND ANDREWS	Fort Lauderdale
262	Edgar	Scott	Transient	651-653 N Andrews Ave	Fort Lauderdale
263	Joseph	Shannon	TRANSIENT	2700 BLOCK & FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
264	JEROME	SHARPE	TRANSIENT	2700 N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
265	ROBERT	SHEEHAN	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK FEDERAL HIGHWAY	Fort Lauderdale
266	WALTER	SHELTON	Transient	2400 BLK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
267	ALEXANDER	SHERROD	TRANSIENT	2700 N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
268	Terrance	Simpson	Transient	31ST AVE AND SUNRISE BLVD	Fort Lauderdale
269	LEON	SLINKER	Transient	Oakland Park And Federal Hwy	Fort Lauderdale
270	George	Smith	Transient	6th st / flagler	Fort Lauderdale
271	Lawrence	Smith		2700 BLK N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
272	RAYLANDO	SMITH	TRANSIENT	2600 N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
273	CHADRICK	SMITH	TRANSIENT	OAKLAND PARK 2700 BLK FED HWY	Fort Lauderdale
274	Michael	Smith	TRANSIENT		FORT LAUDERDALE
275	CLIFFORD	SMITH	Transient	NE 17TH WAY AND E SUNRISE BLVD	FORT LAUDERDALE
276	BRENTON	SNEED	TRANSIENT	2400 N FEDERAL HIGHWAY	Fort Lauderdale
277	JOHNNIE	SNIPES	TRANSIENT		FORT LAUDERDALE
278	Jimmy	Spillman	TRANSIENT	2700 BLOCK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
279	Gerald	Spires	TRANSIENT	1500 BLOCK SE 17TH STREET	FTLAUDERDAL
280	LUC	ST HILLAIRE	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
281	Jamarco	Stafford	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
282	MARLON	STARKS	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
283	JAMEI	STARR	Transient	EAST OAKLAND PARK BLVD AND FEDERAL	FORT LAUDERDALE
284	Michael	Stotler	Transient	2400 N FEDERAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDALE
285	KEVIN	STRANGE	Transient	2700 Blk Of Federal Hwy	Fort Lauderdale
286	PATRICK	STREETE	Transient	1700 Blk E Sunrise blvd	fort lauderdale
287	JABARER	SUMPTER	Transient	2600-2700 BLK FEDERAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDALE
288	Rudy	Sunderlin		NE 19TH STREET AND FEDERAL HIGHWAY	FORT LAUDERDALE
289	ALEXANDRIA	TAFFE	TRANSIENT	2600 N FEDERAL HWY 33306	Fort Lauderdale
290	Zeffery	Taylor	TRANSIENT	COMMERICAL/ 41ST ST & 441	FORT LAUDERDALE
291	Randle	Taylor	TRANSIENT	2700 BLOCK N FEDERAL HIGHWAY	Fort Lauderdale
292	Anthony	Thomas	TRANSIENT	OAKLAND PK & FED	FORT LAUDERDALE
293	Todd	Thomsen	Transient	2700 Blk Of Federal Hwy	Fort Lauderdale
294	Patrick	Tindal	TRANSIENT	441 AND 19TH ST	Fort Lauderdale
295	JOHN	TOMANELLI	Transient	Broward Blvd And Andrews Ave	Fort Lauderdale
296	DEDRICK	TORRENCE	TRANSIENT	THE YELLOW HOUSE	Fort Lauderdale
297	Melanie	Townsend	TRANSIENT	27TH AVE AND 6TH STREET	FORT LAUDERDALE
298	David	Trammell	TRANSIENT	OAKLAND PARK BLVD & CLEARY	FORT LAUDERDALE
299	GEORGE	TRUPPI	Transient	ANDREWS AVE AND 1ST STREET	FORT LAUDERDALE
300	Felice	Tufano		1700 BLK SUNRISE BLVD	FORT LAUDERDALE
301	Dawn	Unruh	TRANSIENT		FORT LAUDERDALE
302	Eric	Vaughn	Transient	US-1 and E Sunrise Blvd	fort lauderdale
303	LUIS	VAZQUEZ-P	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
304	ANTHONY	VEGA	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK N FEDERAL HIGHWAY	FORT LAUDERDALE
305	Reginald	Walker	Transient	OAKLAND PARK BLVD AND 441	Fort Lauderdale
306	STANLEY	WALKER	TRANSIENT	1700 BLOCK E SUNRISE BLVD	Fort Lauderdale
307	RICHARD	WALKER	Transient	CYPRESS CREEK RD AND NW 6TH WAY	Fort Lauderdale
308	Demetrius	Wallace	TRANSIENT	2700 BLK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
309	VERNON	WARD	Transient	US1 AND OAKLAND PARK	FORT LAUDERDALE
310	DEION	WARE	TRANSIENT	2600 N FEDERAL HIGHWAY	Fort Lauderdale

311	Todd	Watson	Transient	1700 BLK EAST SUNRISE BLVD	FORT LAUDERDALE
312	James	Webb	Transient	Sunrise Blvd And Andrews Ave	Fort Lauderdale
313	SHAWN	WESLEY	TRANSIENT	2400 BLOCK N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
314	RICHARD	WEST	TRANSIENT	UNDERBRIDGE SUNRISE AND I95	FORT LAUDERDALE
315	DARION	WHITE	TRANSIENT	2700 BOCK N FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
316	ALVIN	WHITE	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
317	Thomas	Wilcox	Transient	DAVIE BLVD AND 15TH AVE	Fort Lauderdale
318	DONIEL	WILDGOOSE	Transient	2700 blk n federal hwy	fort lauderdale
319	MICHAEL	WILLIAMS	Transient	2750 FEDERAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDALE
320	Robin	Williams	Transient	2700 Blk Federal Hwy	Fort Lauderdale
321	JOHN	WILLIAMS	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
322	DAVID	WILLIAMS	Transient	2600 BLK N FEDERAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDALE
323	GEORGE	WILLIAMS	Transient	2600 S FEDERAL HIGWAY	FORTLAUDERDALE
324	Christopher	Willis	TRANSIENT	UNDER BRIDGE AT TRI RAIL STAT	Fort Lauderdale
325	Jessie	Wilson	TRANSIENT	2700 BLOCK N FEDERAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDA
326	MICHAEL	WILSON	TRANSIENT	2400 N FEDERAL HWY/2400 BLOCK	Fort Lauderdale
327	ZYRON	WISE	TRANSIENT	2700-2800 BLK FEDERAL HWY	Fort Lauderdale
328	Gary	Wiseman	Transient	A1A AND EAST SUNRISE BLVD	FORT LAUDERDALE
329	Alvin	Wright	Transient		Fort Lauderdale
330	Michael	Young	Transient	WEST BROWARD BLVD AND SW 1ST AVE	FORT LAUDERDALE
331	FABIAN	YOUNG	TRANSIENT	2600 N FEDERAL HWY	FORT LAUDERDALE





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RE: REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS SEX OFFENDER HOUSING IN BROWARD COUNTY

Dear Legislators and County Officials:

We are a subcommittee under the Broward County Reentry Coalition dealing specifically with the issue of housing for persons required to register as sex offenders. Our subcommittee is comprised of representatives from the Sheriff's Office, Florida State Department of Corrections, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, County Reentry programs, treatment providers, legal professionals and registrants.

One of our objectives has been to gather and digest information from stakeholders on all sides of the sex offender housing issue, including academic researchers, in order to make recommendations based on public safety, community needs and best practices.

In the wake of December's Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) report¹ and recent media articles² concerning the growing number of persons required to register in our communities, we feel it is timely to submit our findings and recommendations in the hope that we can work towards implementing solutions to our sex offender housing crisis.

A GROWING PROBLEM

The OPPAGA report found that Florida has seen a 53 percent increase in the number of persons required to register since 2005. This is *not* indicative of an increase in sexual offenses. In fact, violent sexual crimes have decreased during this same period.³ Rather, it is due to the reporting laws.

The State of Florida is one of a small handful of states that mandates *all* persons required to register do so for their entire lifetime.⁴ Additionally, when the Florida registry was enacted in 1997, there were eight qualifying offenses that required registration.⁵ Today there are more than twenty.⁶ With new registrants being added to the list continuously and zero attrition, this number will continue to grow rapidly. In addition, individuals who move from the state, or who are in our state briefly, be it for vacation or business, must register and will stay on the register for their entire life, regardless of whether they live in Florida or not.

Sex Offender Residency Restrictions (SORRs) drastically reduce the availability of compliant housing options.⁷ As the number of registrants grows, and the availability of already limited housing is consumed, the number of transient (homeless) registrants will increase.

HOMELESS SEX OFFENDERS IN BROWARD

While the number of persons required to register has more than doubled in 15 years, the number of homeless sex offenders in Broward County has tripled in less than half that time. In Broward, approximately 27% of registrants are homeless (327 out of 1,218 listed by FDLE);⁸ this represents a three-fold increase since April 2011, when 9% of the county's registrants were listed as transient.⁹

¹ <http://www.oppaga.state.fl.us/MonitorDocs/Reports/pdf/1808rpt.pdf>

² <https://www.miamiherald.com/news/article223760070.html>

³ <https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/cv16re.pdf>

⁴ <https://ccresourcecenter.org/state-restoration-profiles/50-state-comparison-relief-from-sex-offender-registration-obligations/>

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http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?mode=View%20Statutes&SubMenu=1&App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=943.0435&URL=Ch0943/Sec0435.HTM

⁶ http://www.leg.state.fl.us/statutes/index.cfm?App_mode=Display_Statute&Search_String=&URL=0900-0999/0943/Sections/0943.0435.html

⁷ Socia, Kelly M., et al. "'Brothers Under the Bridge' Factors Influencing the Transience of Registered Sex Offenders in Florida." *Sexual Abuse* 27.6 (2015): 559-586.

⁸ <https://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/publicDataFile.jsf>

⁹ Levenson, Jill, et al. "Where for art thou? Transient sex offenders and residence restrictions." *Criminal Justice Policy Review* 26.4 (2015): 319-344.

The primary cause for this increase has been the enactment of SORRs in Broward County and its cities that exceed the state mandates. Professor Kelly Socia, an expert in geo-mapping and the impact of SORRs, analyzed data provided by the City of Ft. Lauderdale to study the impact of SORRs on the availability of affordable rental housing units in the city. Professor Socia concluded that only 1% of the City's total stock of residential units was not covered by the SORR and of these, only 1% was both available and affordable at any given time.¹⁰

Comparably, Orange County has more than twice as many persons required to register (approximately 2,267) as Broward County, yet because they have fewer local SORRs, they only have a 6% transience rate¹¹ – one-quarter that of Broward.

Persons required to register in Broward County are legislated into homelessness. Forced into a proverbial game of musical chairs, where a diminishing supply of available housing is insufficient to meet a growing registrant population. Currently no homeless shelters accept persons required to register. Hundreds of people required to register have no choice but to live homeless or go underground.

EFFECTIVENESS OF SORRs

While it may seem like common sense to implement a plan to exclude people who have a history of sexual offending from an area around schools and parks, SORRs only prevent where registrants can reside at night (between 10PM and 6AM), not where they can go during the day. Common sense also suggests that children are at home sleeping between 10PM and 6AM, not in libraries or playgrounds.

There is no evidence suggesting that SORRs are effective in reducing sexual offending or recidivism.¹² This fact has been demonstrated across numerous studies, including the U.S. Department of Justice, which concluded that SORRs should not be viewed as a viable strategy for protecting communities.¹³

On the contrary, SORRs create barriers to reentry by fostering housing instability, separation from family and support systems and isolation, all of which are factors that *increase* recidivism. Transient registrants are more likely than those with homes to abscond from registration after probation.¹⁴ Local SORR laws also create a fiscal burden for taxpayers associated with mapping, monitoring, enforcement, court costs, and incarceration costs.

¹⁰ *City of Ft Lauderdale Vs Anderson, Ira J*, Broward County Case Number: 17003615MO10A

¹¹ <http://www.oppaga.state.fl.us/MonitorDocs/Reports/pdf/1808rpt.pdf>

¹² Nobles, Matt R., Jill S. Levenson, and Tasha J. Youstin. "Effectiveness of residence restrictions in preventing sex offense recidivism." *Crime & Delinquency* 58.4 (2012): 491-513

¹³ SMART Office. (2015). Sex offender management, assessment, and planning initiative. Retrieved from Office of Justice Programs: http://smart.gov/SOMAPI/sec2/ch6_registration.html

¹⁴ Levenson, J. S., Ackerman, A. R., Socia, K. M., & Harris, A. J. (2015). Where for Art Thou? Transient Sex Offenders and Residence Restrictions. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 26(4), 319-344.
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The OPPAGA report further found that transient offenders present monitoring challenges for law enforcement. “The mobility of these offenders makes it difficult to locate them; as a result, they can consume a disproportionate amount of officer time compared to non-transient offenders.” SORRs also have the unintended effect of creating clusters and “ad-hoc” enclaves of registrants.

CONCLUSION

We affirm the findings of the OPPAGA that “Many studies have established that sex offenders who maintain stable employment, housing and family relationships have significantly lower recidivism rates” and conclude that SORRs undermine successful reentry of former offenders, while doing nothing to promote public safety.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) Broward County should enact legislation to pre-empt the patchwork of city SORR ordinances in favor of a uniform county-wide SORR that mirrors the State’s SORR Statute (F.S. §775.215).
- 2) Broward County should designate a homeless shelter/reentry program dedicated (or able to service) the transient registrant population.
- 3) Resources currently spent on enforcing municipal SORRs in Broward County should be reallocated such that re-entry services focus on helping probationers and registrants to secure stable and meaningful employment, stable and affordable housing (including arrangements with family members or others when appropriate), and pro-social support systems that help them maintain a law-abiding lifestyle.

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