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Sheriff T.K. Waters
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office (Duval County, Florida)
Police Memorial Building
501 E. Bay Street,
Jacksonville, FL 32202

SENT VIA US MAIL

**RE: CLOSURE OF JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEX OFFENDER
REGISTRATION OFFICE ON FRIDAYS AND IMPACT ON STATUTORY
REGISTRATION COMPLIANCE**

Dear Sheriff Waters:

Florida Action Committee (FAC) respectfully requests that the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office reconsider its decision to close the Sex Offender Registration Office on Fridays.

FAC has been informed by our members that a notice has been posted advising that, effective October 5, 2026, the registration office will no longer be open on Fridays. Under the new schedule, the office will operate only Monday through Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

As a result, the office will be closed from Thursday at 5:00 p.m. until Monday at 8:00 a.m., a continuous period of 63 hours during which individuals required to register as sexual offenders or sexual predators will be unable to complete required in-person reporting obligations.

This closure creates a significant compliance concern because Florida law imposes strict reporting deadlines that require certain information and events to be reported in person to the sheriff's office within 48 hours. Specifically, Florida Statute § 943.0435 requires in-person reporting to the sheriff for, among other things: Establishing a permanent, temporary, or transient residence in Florida or changing residences. Fla. Stat. § 943.0435(2)(a), (4)(a)-(b) and vacating a residence without establishing another residence. Fla. Stat. § 943.0435(4)(b)1.

Additional items (such as reporting of vehicle changes), must also be reported within 48 hours. While for some these items can be reported online through the FDLE's Cyber Communication Portal, many are restricted from internet access and must report these items in person.

These requirements are not discretionary. Individuals subject to registration are required by law to comply with these reporting obligations within the prescribed time periods. Failure to do so constitutes a violation of Florida law and may result in prosecution for a third-degree felony, including a mandatory minimum sentence.

The practical consequence of closing the registration office for a period exceeding 48 hours is that individuals will be placed in an impossible position: the law requires them to report *within 48 hours*, but the designated office responsible for accepting those reports will not be available during that same period.

A person who experiences a qualifying event late Thursday will be unable to physically report the required information before the statutory deadline expires and will therefore commit a third degree felony.

FAC recognizes that government agencies must manage staffing, resources, and operational needs. However, where a closure directly interferes with a legally mandated reporting obligation, additional safeguards are necessary to ensure that individuals subject to registration are not placed at risk of criminal liability due solely to the unavailability of the registration office.

FAC respectfully requests that the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office reconsider the Friday closure or implement an alternative location(s) to timely satisfy their statutory obligations during periods when the registration office is unavailable.

This issue is not about reducing accountability or eliminating registration requirements. Rather, it is about ensuring that the government's administration of those requirements does not make compliance impossible.

FAC appreciates your consideration of this matter and respectfully requests a written response regarding whether the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office will reconsider this operational change or implement procedures to prevent individuals from being placed in violation of Florida law due to office closure hours.

Respectfully,

S/

Teresa Bond, Information Liaison
Florida Action Committee, Inc.

cc: Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Members of the Florida Legislature representing Duval County

Enc: Copy of notice

FELONY/SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION HOURS

EFFECTIVE MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2026, THE FELONY REGISTRATION OFFICE WILL BE
CLOSED ON FRIDAY. THE NEW HOURS FOR SEX OFFENDER AND FELONY
REGISTRATION WILL BE:

MONDAY – THURSDAY: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

FRIDAY – SUNDAY: CLOSED

THE FELONY REGISTRATION OFFICE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW
THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE AND JACKSONVILLE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE