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VIA U.S. MAIL AND EMAIL

Sheriff T.K. Waters
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office
Attn: Offender Tracking Unit
501 East Bay Street
Jacksonville, Florida 32202

SENT VIA US MAIL AND
VIA EMAIL TO
PIO@jaxsheriff.org

RE: REQUEST FOR THE LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR REQUIRING REGISTRANTS TO REPORT URLS IN ADDITION TO INTERNET IDENTIFIERS

Dear Sheriff Waters:

The Florida Action Committee (FAC) is a statewide nonprofit organization that advocates on behalf of individuals required to register under Florida's sexual offender and sexual predator registration laws. We write regarding a change in registration practice recently reported to us by several of our members who register with the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office.

Our members inform us that, during registration and re-registration, your office now requires them to report the URL (web address) associated with each of their online accounts, in addition to the name of applications or services and the screen name or username.

FAC believes this requirement goes beyond what Florida law requires and is contrary to the court's ruling in *Delgado v. Swearingen*, 375 F. Supp. 3d 1251 (N.D. Fla. 2018) (Case No. 4:16-cv-501-RH/CAS).

In that case, the court considered a First Amendment challenge to the internet-identifier provisions of Florida's registration statutes. It upheld the reporting requirement only as limited to registrants' email addresses and internet identifiers. Under Florida law, an "internet identifier" is a designation, moniker, screen name, username, or other name used for self-identification to send or receive social internet communication. See §§ 775.21(2) and 943.0435, Fla. Stat. A URL is none of these. It is a location on the internet, not a name a registrant uses to identify himself or herself.

Requiring registrants to report URLs in addition to their screen names and the applications on which they use them expands the information they must disclose beyond what the Legislature enacted and what the federal court found constitutional. Because failing to comply with registration requirements is a felony, registrants are entitled to clear notice of exactly what the law requires of them. A local requirement that exceeds the statute creates uncertainty and exposes registrants to the risk of prosecution for conduct the law does not require.

So that we can accurately advise our members, FAC respectfully requests that your office answer the following:

1. Under what statutory authority, if any, does the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office require registrants to now report URLs in addition to the name of the application and the screen name or username?

2. If there is no statutory authority, under what ordinance of the City of Jacksonville, or what local policy, directive, or procedure of the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, is this requirement imposed?

3. Was this requirement adopted at the direction of, or in consultation with, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement?

We further request a copy of the statute, ordinance, policy, general order, directive, form, or other written guidance on which your office relies for this requirement. To the extent necessary, please treat this request as a public records request under Chapter 119, Florida Statutes. If any portion of the responsive records is withheld, please identify the specific statutory exemption relied upon, as required by section 119.07(1)(e), Florida Statutes.

FAC values a constructive working relationship with law enforcement agencies across Florida, and we share the goal of clear, lawful, and consistent registration practices. We respectfully ask for your response within thirty (30) days of the date of this letter. Please direct your response to the undersigned via email.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,
/s/
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