



## **Criminal Justice Committee**

**Thursday, September 3, 2015**

**10:30am-11:30am**

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William Snyder, Sheriff of Martin County, *chair*

Christy Daly, Secretary, Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

Philip Thorne, Chief of Police for the City of Springfield

Rick Swearingen, Executive Director, Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Kathy Fernandez Rundle, State Attorney, 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit (Miami-Dade County)

**Welcome.....Sheriff William Snyder, chair**

**Committee Priorities for Discussion.....Sheriff William Snyder, chair**

### **1. Rick Swearingen, FDLE: Training for law enforcement:**

- FDLE created a 2-hour block of training.
- Accreditation for training.
- Evaluating identification and recognition of signs of human trafficking.
- Training is available but as an elective and it costs money – it's not mandatory.
- Is there a need for mobile training teams?
- Is there a need for mandatory law enforcement training?
- Detailed heat map to identify areas where human trafficking pervades in Florida.

### **2. William Snyder, Sheriff: Building court capacity for human trafficking cases:**

- “Dependency Judges” – create judges within each circuit specializing in handling HT cases.
- Explore “Prostitution Courts” modeled on the drug court system (Miami-Dade could do the pilot).
- Conduct a 1-2 day seminar for all judges, statewide, to get them better-attuned to HT; seminar could include education on the typical victims, pertinent to federal and Florida statutes, effect of court actions on victims.

### **3. Philip Thorne, Chief:**

- Create a “Johns” school modeled on a Minnesota program that uses evidence-based, best practices approach to impart a strong message of the increased costs “Johns” will pay in Florida, along with a statewide awareness campaign for the costs of engaging prostitutes.

### **4. Katherine Rundle, State Attorney: Prosecutions:**

- Continue early communication between prosecutors and law enforcement; Law enforcement should strive to involve prosecutors as early as possible.
- Discuss with FPAA to broaden the scope of charges reported.

### **5. Christy Daly, DJJ Secretary:**

- Process map of trafficking victims from point-of-entry to the point of receiving care.

**Committee Discussion.....Sheriff William Snyder, chair**

1. Identify ways to kill demand.
2. Improve law enforcement interaction with social services entities.
3. Reporting human trafficking to law enforcement.

**Closing Remarks.....Sheriff William Snyder, chair**