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April 12, 2013

Honorable David B. Shoar, Sheriff
St. Johns County Sheriff's Office
4015 Lewis Speedway
Saint Augustine, Florida 32084

RE: Complaint 2013-INQ-002 / EI-79-1691

Dear Sheriff Shoar:

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) is in receipt of your correspondence dated March 26 and April 10, 2013, and the FDLE, Office of Executive Investigations (OEI), is currently investigating the allegations contained therein as appropriate. Further, the FDLE members associated with this matter have been directed to have no further contact with the media or any of the civilian parties involved in the O'Connell investigation, to include any members of the families of either Michelle O'Connell or Jeremy Banks. These members have also been advised that, although they may be required to come into contact with law enforcement, prosecutorial, or judicial parties associated with the O'Connell investigation during the course of their normal duties, they should refrain from discussing anything related to the O'Connell investigation until such time as the OEI review is concluded.

Please be assured that we are working diligently to address the allegations set forth in your correspondence; however, it would greatly assist us if you would refrain from conducting any further interviews of witnesses regarding the actions of Special Agent in Charge Pape or Special Agent Rodgers until we have had an opportunity to speak with them. Such ad hoc interviews have the potential to negatively impact our ability to conduct a fair and impartial investigation, and your cooperation in this regard would be appreciated. In the event that you or a member of your agency is contacted by anyone wishing to provide relevant information, it would be helpful if they were referred to FDLE, OEI, to arrange an interview.

If you have any questions or wish to request additional information concerning this matter, please contact me at telephone number (850) 410-8246.

Sincerely,

Cindy Sanz
Director