

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT  
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

On or about June 1, 2021, The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) received a folder from the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office (SAO) which contained information from an Alachua County citizen, Mark Glaeser, whom alleged several ineligible felons voted illegally in the 2020 General Election. Furthermore, Glaeser alleged the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections, Kim Barton or her designee, facilitated such illegal voter registrations by visiting the Alachua County Jail on July 15, 2020 and registering numerous convicted felons who were incarcerated at the time. The 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit SAO requested FDLE investigate Glaeser's allegations.

On December 6, 2021, Special Agent (SA) Tracey Rousseau contacted to FDLE's Operations and Management Consultant Manager (OMCM) Barbara Williams to obtain a copy of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the FDLE and the Department of State – Division of Elections (DOE) that outlines the felon check process. The next day, OMCM Williams emailed SA Rousseau a copy of the MOU.

Upon review of the MOU, SA Rousseau noticed the FDLE was to send a monthly report to the DOE with individuals who were found in the Florida Offender Registration and Tracking Services (FORTS) database and were on the Florida voter rolls.

On December 8, 2021, SA Rousseau contacted FDLE's Advanced Business Analyst (ABA) Veronica Chandler to inquire further about the process and monthly report. ABA Chandler stated the FORTS database has changed names to Sex Offender/Predator System (SOPS) and the last report that was generated was December 2, 2021. However, since the implementation of the new Florida Computerized Criminal History (CCH) vendor in 2019, the report formatting was wrong so they stopped sending the report to the DOE. SA Rousseau inquired as to the exact process the report was generated and what it contained. ABA Chandler advised SA Rousseau she would seek clarification on the status of the monthly report.

On December 20, 2021, SA Rousseau requested a status update to her question on the monthly SOPS report procedures. The same day Crime Information Bureau Chief Lucy Saunders responded to SA Rousseau's email stating she was waiting on additional information and she would reply as soon as possible.

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Description: Information obtained from FDLE regarding the MOU & Sex Offender ineligibility checks

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On December 21, 2021, Chief Saunders called SA Rousseau and explained when someone moves to Florida with a felony sexual offense that would be a registerable offense in Florida, regardless of whether they registered in their own state, they would have to register with a local sheriff's office and have their fingerprints taken. Their information and fingerprints then get uploaded into CCH and are checked against the voter rolls in the nightly ineligibility checks. If the person gets convicted of a felony sexual offense in Florida, then it's caught on the nightly ineligibility checks for felony convictions.

Chief Saunders also explained the monthly SOPS report referenced in the MOU was used as an added quality control to make sure the DOE received the names FDLE was flagging and sending. It is generated by checking active sexual offender/predator registrants against the Florida voter rolls. Once a match is made, the information is provided to FDLE's CCH section who verifies the identity, charges and the registration status. After it's been verified, the information is sent to the DOE to work. Chief Saunders clarified FDLE strictly notifies DOE of the flag, and it's incumbent upon the DOE to obtain the necessary records to send to the local SOE.

However, for an unknown reason, the monthly report began duplicating records for individuals on multiple rows after the new CCH vendor implementation in 2019. FDLE stopped sending the monthly report because of the formatting issue but Chief Saunders expressed plans to remedy it and begin again in January 2022.

In addition, Chief Saunders stated they have an open line of communication with the DOE and have a reoccurring monthly meeting to discuss any updates, concerns, or issues regarding their processes for ineligibility checks.

The FDLE and DOE MOU will be maintained as related item INV-67 in this case.