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## Support PBA-Endorsed Candidates

Elections are being held on Tuesday, March 14. Get out and make your voice heard. The PBA is endorsing the following candidates in city elections:

### Parkland

Mike Udine – Mayor  
Jared Moskowitz – Commissioner

### Pembroke Pines

Ron Pacella – Commissioner

### Pompano Beach

Ed Stanton – Commissioner

### Tamarac

Karen Roberts – Commissioner

### Wilton Manors

John Fiore – Commissioner

These candidates were chosen after a vetting process which included PBA members from affected cities. We believe that they will be the best advocates for law enforcement issues in the future.



The PBA endorses and supports candidates in local and state elections in order to make the voice of law enforcement stronger so that we can do more for you.

Don't forget to vote on March 14.

## Special Master Renders Decision On Wilton Manors Contract

Contract negotiations between the City of Wilton Manors and the Broward PBA began on May 17, 2005, and ended September 23, 2005. Impasse was declared by the PBA after six bargaining sessions. In prehearing sessions, the City listed ten impasse issues and the PBA listed two. At the inception of the impasse hearing, the parties narrowed the list of issues for resolution by the Special Master by indicating their agreement on five issues.

There were five issues remaining subject to the

recommendations of the Special Master. On the article concerning PBA Business, the Special Master agreed with the PBA that the present article be continued. Both parties had agreed on the first year wage increase of 3%, which the Special Master recommended including retroactivity to October 1, 2005.

In reference to take home vehicles, the PBA's proposed article was recommended. The Special Master sided with the City to continue with a 3% multiplier in the pension. The Special Master further recommended that the previously negotiated 3% pension COLA be continued without the sunset provision.

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## President's Message

**B**e careful out there. As all of you might have seen on Channel 4 in February, they are out there attempting to set up police officers. It seems Channel 4 is not out to investigate the news, but to create it.

In the latest investigative report, called "Police Station Intimidation," they are driving around the county with both white males and then black males driving the same vehicle; when an officer stops the black male he or she is accused of racial profiling.

It is not enough that our members are out there watching out for the bad guys, but now we have to be reminded to be careful of those people trying to set us up for a news story.

The next time you pull someone over and he is giving you a hard time, be careful – you could be on video.

Dick Brickman

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- Zaida Amory - Miramar
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- Ethan M. Bangsi - Hallandale Beach
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- Michael P. Kennedy - BSO
- Gregory A. LaFleu - BSO
- Michelle L. Lima - Miramar
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- Federico D. Pereira - Pembroke Pines
- Vincent A. Peterson - BSO
- Rachel M. Radulic - BSO
- Chad I. Rosen - Davie
- Michael R. Springer - Hallandale Beach
- Nancy H. Werder - Margate Support
- Cynthia M. Williams - BSO
- Devoune D. Williams - BSO

### *Retired*

- Janine E. Chidsey - Hallandale Beach
- Arnold Finkelstein - Margate
- Frederick E. Jones - BSO
- Valerie Smith - Hollywood

### *Reinstated*

- Stephen Dalick - Pembroke Pines
- Sharonda L. Foster - BSO Support
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- Edwin Sanchez - BSO
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## Did You Know?

Police officers rank seventh with the public in a list of occupations that have the most prestige. Topping the list were scientists, doctors, firefighters, teachers, soldiers and nurses. Rounding out the top ten were clergy, members of Congress and engineers. Near the bottom of the list were accountants, stockbrokers and real estate agents.

Source: USA Today

## Rumor Control

*Do marked police vehicles have to pay tolls?*

That depends. Section 338.155, Florida Statutes states:

“Any law enforcement officer operating a marked official vehicle is exempt from toll payment when on official law enforcement business.”

The caveat: Your agency must approve it. Some departments do, others don't. BSO, for example, does not.

Thanks to PBA General Counsel Barbara Duffy for this information.



## Use of PBA Emblems

Who is allowed to display the PBA emblem? According to Florida State Statute 817.311, “any person who shall wear or display a badge, button, insignia or other emblem, or shall use the name of or claim to be a member of any benevolent, fraternal, social, humane or charitable organization, which organization is entitled to the exclusive use of such badge, button insignia or emblem either in the identical form or in such near resemblance thereto as to be a colorable imitation thereof, unless such person is entitled to do so under the laws, rules and regulations of such organization, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree.”

The Broward County PBA's policy has always been that any member, member's immediate family, honorary member or retired member is entitled to display our emblem.

Florida's Uniform Traffic Control law states that nothing shall be placed upon the face of a Florida license plate except as permitted by law or by rule or regulation of a government agency. There are no exceptions, even for police organizations. The bottom line is: Use common sense. If you are stopped and issued a written warning and told to remove your PBA emblem, do it. You can always pick up another if you are entitled to have it.

## It's PBA Scholarship Time

*Deadline for applications is April 15*

The Broward County PBA is accepting applications for its 2006 scholarships.

In order to qualify, applicants must be the son or daughter of a Broward County PBA member. The parent must have been a member for at least two years and currently be a member in good standing.

Applicants must also be or plan to be a full- or part-time student at an accredited two- or four-year college or university.

Applications can be picked up in person at the PBA office, or contact us and we can mail or e-mail it to you.

The deadline for completed applications is April 15.

***Heard any good rumors lately?***

**Send them to  
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and we'll get the facts.**

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# Beyond The Badge

## Retirement news

### Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Approved By Florida House Committee

The Health Insurance Subsidy increase Bill (HB 105), sponsored by Representative Bob Allen, was approved by the House Government Operations Committee on January 25.

Should the bill be passed, state and county employees can expect to see an increase in their monthly retiree health insurance payment. The current system gives each retiree \$5.00 per month for every year of state or county employment (for 25 years in Special Risk, you receive a check for \$125 each month). The new bill will increase the payment to \$7.00 per year of service with an increase of up to \$250 per month.

Source: Florida PBA

### Maine Proposes To Exempt Pension Income From Taxation

The governor of Maine has a plan to exempt military pensions from state income taxes in an effort to attract retirees who have high work skills and few needs for government services. The exemption would apply to all of those in the military who retire after January 1, 2007.

More and more states are offering tax breaks on pension income. Twelve states now exempt military pensions from state income taxes: Alabama, Hawaii, Illinois, Kansas, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Nine states have no personal income tax: Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Texas, Washington and Wyoming. The states of New Hampshire and Tennessee collect income taxes only on interest and dividend income.

Source: Cypen & Cypen Newsletter

### Death Benefits for Florida Law Enforcement DROP Participants

The Florida Retirement System provides for in-the-line-of-duty death benefits with the exception of DROP participants. The language excepting DROP was added by the Florida legislature when the program was initiated. But Section 112.19, Florida Statutes also provides death benefits for law enforcement, correctional and correctional probation officers.

The payments are in addition to any workers' compensation or pension benefits and are exempt from the claims of creditors. Unlike FRS, Section 112.19 does not contain an exclusion for DROP participants. Section 112.0981(3)(b)3 provides that participation in the DROP does not alter a participant's employment status and such employee shall not be deemed retired from employment until his or her deferred resignation is effective and termination occurs. Thus, death benefits provided in Section 112.19 are available to law enforcement, correctional or correctional probation officers who are DROP participants.

Source: Cypen & Cypen Newsletter

### New York Senate Approves Bill To Raise Earnings Cap For Government Pensioners

Retirees from state and local government can earn more money without paying a pension penalty under legislation recently approved by the New York State Senate. The bill extends from \$27,000 to \$30,000 the amount seniors can make per year without paying penalties on their pensions. The provision would go into effect in 2007. The bill now awaits action by the State Assembly.

Source: Cypen & Cypen Newsletter



# FLORIDA MARLINS INTRODUCE SPECIAL OLYMPICS AWARENESS NIGHT

Proceeds will go to the Law Enforcement Torch Run benefitting the Special Olympics Florida

	<b>Friday, April 14th, 2006 @ 7:35pm</b>	<b>Sunday, April 16th, 2006 @ 1:05pm</b>
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# Health & Fitness



## Health Bytes



### Exercise Heals

Older adults who were regular exercisers experienced faster healing of wounds than their sedentary counterparts. A recent study found that the wounds of the exercisers healed up to 10 days faster.

Exercise may speed healing by enhancing neuroendocrine function. Healthy people should aim to get at least 30 minutes of physical activity on most days to get the greatest health benefit. Those with serious wounds, injuries or surgeries should only engage in exercise with a doctor's permission.

### Snack Your Way To Lower Blood Pressure

A diet with ample amounts of vegetable protein, like that found in sunflower seeds, may help control blood pressure. A diet high in animal protein offered no such benefit in a recent study. Sunflower seeds, cashew and kidney beans are all high in pressure-lowering veggie protein.

Vegetable-rich diets may also help reduce the risk of obesity, heart disease, diabetes and certain types of cancer. Exercising regularly, reducing stress and limiting salt intake (if you are salt-sensitive) will help you get a handle on your blood pressure as well.

### Another Reason To Turn Off The TV

Watching too much television has been associated with higher rates of depression in women, according to a recent study. The results, however, were not the same for men. Spending less time engaging in sedentary behaviors and more time engaging in physical activity is a great mood booster.

Exercise releases endorphins, feel-good chemicals that your body produces naturally. Most people would probably benefit from cutting their TV viewing down to no more than two hours a day and replacing it with something more active.

### Stop Storing Fat

The best thing you can do to lose weight or to avoid gaining it: cut down on sugar. Eating sugar causes your body to store fat.

Sugar can be found in the most unlikely of places, like in refined carbs like bread, rice and pasta. It's even in beer and milk. Your body can't tell the difference between these sugars and plain sugar - it absorbs all these as glucose.

Every time you eat sugar, your blood glucose level rises quickly, releasing insulin, which signals your body to store fat. The more sugar you

consume at one time, the higher your blood glucose rises and the longer you stay in fat-storage mode.

In order to short-circuit this, there are some things you can do to keep your blood sugar from spiking:

*Add some vinegar to your diet.* In a study, vinegar consumed along with a meal resulted in 23 percent lower blood glucose than without it. Try some vinaigrette on your salad.

*Get some fiber.* Taking 1.2 g of glucomannan - a soluble fiber made from the Japanese kinjac root - thirty minutes before eating led to a 28 percent reduction in blood glucose.

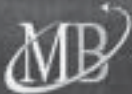
*Get your caffeine, but without the sugar.* Caffeine increases the rate at which your body burns fat - as long as it's not paired with sugar. So skip the the doughnut, muffin or bagel with your morning java.

*Add some metal.* Take 400 micrograms of chromium picolinate before a high-carb meal and it could mean 23 percent lower blood glucose levels than without it.

*Work out in the morning.* A single workout session can reduce the effect of a high-sugar meal on blood glucose by 15 percent for more than 12 hours after the workout.

Source: [health.msn.com](http://health.msn.com)





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# A Letter From The Vice-President



Neil Vaughan, PBA Vice-President

*D*ear Members,

*I recently watched the news story "Police Station Intimidation" on CBS4 and was completely disgusted. For those of you who have not seen the story, reporter Mike Kirsch teamed up with The Police Abuse Center (PoliceAbuse.org) to allegedly ascertain if police departments in South Florida provide complaint forms to citizens. Additionally, they conducted a racial profiling test on the Broward Sheriff's Office.*

*Basically, CBS4 sent an individual into police stations to inquire as to the method of filing a complaint. Once the sergeant began to ask appropriate questions in order to properly deal with the complaint, the complainant would refused to answer and ask for a complaint form. Subsequent to the sergeant advising that there was not a form, he would again, attempt to deal with the complaint, with a complete lack of cooperation from the complainant. It goes down hill from there.*

*You might be asking yourself, why Mike Kirsch's story is titled "Police Station Intimidation" when he was simply attempting to find out how many police departments provide citizen complaint forms. Moreover, why is Mike Kirsch taking police officers/supervisors from their official duties to deal with bogus complaints. After viewing the story, the answer is obvious, he had an agenda. For those of you who do not know, this is not the first time Mike Kirsch has done a "hatchet job" on law enforcement.*

*Generally speaking, what Mike Kirsch calls police station intimidation was nothing more than frustration felt by the supervisors who were legitimately attempting to deal with a complaint from an uncooperative complainant. Furthermore, it was so clear that much of videos were cut and edited.*

*I can certainly understand an unedited news story wherein supervisors refuse to take complaints, and in essence, kick people out of the building. However, this was not the case. On CBS4's Web site, Mike Kirsch's profile states that he wants to be a journalist "To learn. To share. To record history." Yet his recent track record, as it relates to law enforcement, does not live up to those words.*

*If CBS4 truly wants a great story, they should introduce Al Sunshine to Mike Kirsch. Al Sunshine could have a field day investigating Mike Kirsch's reports. The only problem would be Al's redundant, although necessary, repeating of "Shame on you."*

*In Solidarity,*

*Neil Vaughan  
Vice President*

# End of Watch



Deputy Ryan Seguin

Our condolences to the family of BSO deputy Ryan Seguin, who was killed in the line of duty on February 15.

Deputy Seguin pulled over a Ford Taurus at 9:15 pm on westbound I-595 and was struck from behind by a passing car, which drifted into the emergency lane. As of this writing, no charges have been

filed on the driver of vehicle that killed Seguin.

Ryan was a three-year BSO veteran who worked out of Weston. He was presented with a BSO's Life Saving Award in 2005 after saving the life of a child in danger of drowning.

The thoughts and prayers of the members and staff of the Broward County PBA go out to the Seguin family.

Source: Sun Sentinel

# Neither Snow Nor Freezing Cold...



Dillon Poole

BSO Rep **Jeff Poole** and his son, **Dillon**, made the long trip to Detroit, braving cold and snow to take a chance of getting to watch the Steelers defeat Seattle in Super Bowl XL from inside Ford Field.

The pair made the trip with Jeff's brother, **James** and his son, **Sean**. They didn't have tickets, but Jeff put Dillon right to work outside the stadium.

We're sorry to report that they weren't able to get the tickets, but they had a good time nonetheless. Maybe next year...

# Welcome To The Family!

Say hello to some future members...



Nicholas Jordan

Please welcome **Nicholas Jordan**, **Kreg Joseph Costa Jr.** and **Olivia Victoria Agnone** to the PBA family!

**Nicholas** is the son of BSO detective **Jesus Jordan** and his wife, **Alexandria** and was born on December 29, 2005.

**Kreg Jr.** is the son of BSO deputy **Kreg Costa Sr.** and his wife, **Christina**. He was born on January 29, 2006.

**Olivia** is the daughter of Hollywood officer **Al Agnone** and his wife, **Cristina**. She was born on

October 4, 2005.



Olivia Agnone



Kreg Costa Jr.

# Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Celebrate with a traditional Irish breakfast



## Irish Breakfast

### Ingredients

- 1 lb Irish bacon
  - 1 lb Irish pork sausages
  - 2 to 4 tomatoes
  - 1 / 2 lb white pudding
  - 1/2 lb black pudding
  - 1 dozen eggs
  - 1 lb mushrooms - optional
- Serve with soda bread and/or toast.

### Method

Depending on how many guests you're having, enlist the aid of someone to set the table, fix the

toast, and brew the coffee and tea. Meanwhile, follow the cooking instructions that come with the imported Irish bacon, sausages, white pudding and black pudding. When the meats are cooked, put them on an oven-proof serving platter and place in a slow oven to keep warm. Sauté the mushrooms and tomatoes and place them on the meat platter. Eggs are the last to be cooked and we usually make it easy on ourselves by fixing them sunny side up for everyone.

Source: [irishcultureandcustoms.com](http://irishcultureandcustoms.com)



## Ireland Trivia

- In the village of Ballyporeen, Co, Tipperary, there's a pub called The Ronald Reagan Bar.
- The Irish alphabet has only 18 letters. J, K, Q, V, W, X, Y and Z are not used.
- It was on Easter Monday, April 18, 1949, that Éire became officially known as the Republic of Ireland.
- St. Patrick was the first person in history to speak out against slavery and he is the Patron Saint of the Excluded. By the time of his death, or shortly thereafter, the Irish stopped slave trading and they never took it up again.
- "I love you" in Irish is *Tá cion agam ort*. Pronunciation: thaw kiuhn ag-gum urth.
- At 198 calories a pint, Guinness has fewer calories than a pint of skimmed milk or orange juice.
- Ireland is the world's 20th largest island.
- Ireland is the best place on the planet to avoid an earthquake. No epicentre has ever been recorded there.
- Ireland has more dogs per capita than any other EU country.
- Ireland now has more tourists than residents. Visitors are now running over 5 million a year, compared to a population of about 3.8 million.
- You can only call yourself a true Dubliner if you were born between the North and South Circular Roads.
- Murphy is the most common surname in Ireland. In Irish it means 'sea hound.'
- Cairbre, the lion used to introduce Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer films, was born at the Dublin Zoo on March 20, 1927.
- Customarily, on St. Patrick's Day, the only green Irish people wear is a sprig of shamrock in the lapel of their coats.
- According to the 12th century prophecies of St. Malachy, Ireland will be at peace when the shamrock meets the palm - in other words, when St. Patrick's Day falls on Palm Sunday.





# Money Matter\$

## The Living Will and Health Care Surrogate

*Two documents every police officer needs*

By: Jennifer W. Thomason, Financial Advisor, UBS Financial Services Inc.

As many as 75 percent of adults in this country have not specified how they would like to be cared for in the event they become incapacitated and can't make decisions for themselves.<sup>1</sup>

### Living Wills: A Primary Advance Directive

At any age, illness or injury can cause a catastrophic medical condition resulting in the loss of an individual's ability to make decisions. A living will is considered an advance directive, meaning that people can provide instructions for their own medical care and other treatment in advance of such circumstances.

A living will allows a person to specify what should be done or should not be done in the case of a seemingly irreversible coma or a terminal medical condition. Doctors and hospitals can be instructed whether or not life-sustaining procedures are desired. With a living will in place, any verbal expression of wishes that were made prior to the execution of the document will not have the same legal effect.

### Healthcare Proxy: Assigning a Healthcare Surrogate

Another common directive is a healthcare proxy, also known as a healthcare

power of attorney or surrogate healthcare designation. This directive names a person (an "agent") to act on behalf of someone else (the "principal") if that person is unable to make medical decisions.

The optimal approach is to name the person who is best suited for the task, regardless of marital or familial ties. Ideally, a

instructions of the patient on this matter. Such instructions could be provided through a living will.

Copies of both of these documents can be found on the Florida Senate website at [www.flsenate.gov](http://www.flsenate.gov). Scroll down to the Featured Links section and click on Living Will Information.

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<sup>1</sup> CNN.com Law Center, "More People Writing Living Wills," March 23, 2005.



healthcare agent should be attuned to the principal's desires and be able to live with the consequences of difficult life-and-death decisions.

Generally speaking, individuals should have as a minimum both a living will and a healthcare proxy. This is important because typically a living will does not grant authority to specified person(s) to make decisions in accordance with the terms of a living will. Also, some states do not permit the person holding the healthcare proxy to make decisions regarding artificial nutrition and hydration without the prior



# Inside BSO

For Our Members With The Broward Sheriff's Office

## Wanted: PBA Representatives

The Broward County PBA has eight elected representatives and seven alternate representatives from BSO who sit on the Board of Directors. With the size of our membership and size of BSO itself, eight, as they say, is not enough. We would like to have a representative in each district so that the members can be kept informed of what is happening at the PBA and so that we can be kept informed of what is going on in each district.

We are currently looking for reps for: District 1, District 5, District 12, District 13, District 14 and District 16.

The entire Board of Directors (all agencies in Broward County

represented by the PBA) meets at least quarterly each year. BSO representatives meet the second Thursday of each month.

If you are interested in being an alternate representative, please contact the PBA office. If no one from the district volunteers, then your district will be assigned to one of our current reps; we prefer to have a rep from within the district.

There have been times when a member may not want their representative to assist them because of a possible conflict. If

this should occur, you can always contact another representative. It is preferable for a member to go through

his/her rep first, so that he/she knows what is occurring in that district. A member can always call the main office if necessary.



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Pembroke Park/West Park

**Dep. Osvaldo Tianga**  
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**Dep. Anthony DeGrace**  
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# What's Up?



## Births

Congratulations to Pembroke Pines officers **Jon and Deanna Black** on the birth of **Kaden Black**. **Kaden** arrived on January 25 weighing in at 7

lbs., 8 oz. and was 19 ¾ inches long.

BSO detective **Jesus Jordan** and his wife, **Alexandra**, celebrated the birth of their second son, **Nicholas**, on December 29, 2005. **Nicholas** weighed in at 8 lbs., 4 oz. and was 20 ½ inches long. Mom, Dad and big brother **Neftaly** are all thrilled and doing well.

BSO deputy **Kreg Costa** and his wife, **Christina**, welcomed their second child, **Kreg Jr.**, on January 20. **Kreg Jr.** weighed in at 8 lbs., 3 oz. and was 21 inches long. Big sister **Angelina** is thrilled about the arrival of her new baby brother.

BSO deputy **Scott Mueller** and his wife, **Pamela**, became first-time grandparents on January 30. Grandson **Parker Roy** weighed in at 6 lbs., 8 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches long.

Lighthouse Point officer **Daniel James** and his wife, **Kim**, welcomed **Danielle Morgan** on February 6. **Danielle** weighed in at 7 lbs., 3 oz. and was 20 inches long. Mom, Dad and Baby are doing well.

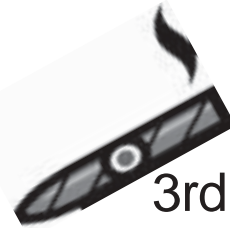
Hollywood officer **Al Agnone** and his wife, **Cristina**, added a new baby girl, **Olivia Victoria**, to their family on October 4, 2005. **Olivia** was 14 weeks premature, weighing in at just 2 lbs, 1 oz. After a 9-week hospital stay, she's home and tipping the scales at 9 lbs., 2 oz. Her parents and big sister, **Sabrina**, are thrilled to have her home! Congratulations to all!

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# Law Enforcement News

## Items of Interest From Around The U.S.

**A recent poll** conducted by Zogby International shows that the majority of Americans believe that the main purpose of prison is punishment, not treatment. The poll also showed that 85 percent of responders favor mandatory sentencing for first-time offenders and 95 percent want mandatory sentencing for repeat offenders.

Three-fifths of those polled believed that chronic sex offenders cannot be cured. The poll was conducted in response to a Vermont judge's sentencing of a chronic sex offender to six months in prison in protest to the state's refusal to provide treatment until after his prison sentence was served.

*Source: Officer.com news*

**Montana** – The Associated Press has discovered that hundreds of people barred from having guns because they are felons on parole or probation are still able to get Montana hunting licenses with no questions asked.

Only a handful of states ban felons from receiving hunting permits and only a few others require hunters to show both a hunting license and a firearms license.

AP's investigation found that at least 660 felons on parole or probation received hunting tags in the past year. The licenses don't specifically require the use of firearms to hunt, and state officials note that most felons could legally hunt using other weapons. But some of the game for which felons were issued

tags, such as birds or bison, require the use of guns.

With millions of hunters in the U.S., authorities in many states say it simply would be too difficult to check if felons are getting hunting tags.

*Source: Associated Press*

**U.S./Mexican Border** – Investigators uncovered a sophisticated cross-border tunnel that was used to traffic marijuana into the United States. Found in the tunnel were two tons of pot.

The tunnel begins about 85 feet below a small warehouse about 175 yards south of the U.S. border. The tunnel is about 2,400 feet long, or about the length of eight football fields. It has sophisticated lighting and ventilation systems and possibly a pumping system to pump ground water.

The elaborate tunnel bears the hallmarks of Mexican drug cartels, according to authorities. A total of four tunnels were discovered over the course of a month.

*Source: Officer.com/10news.com*

**Macomb County, Mich.** – The NAACP has accused police in Macomb County of using pillowcases to "hood" handcuffed suspects. Law enforcement officials contend that there is no proof it ever happened.

The NAACP has requested the FBI investigate an alleged hooding that occurred when sheriff's deputies and Chesterfield Township police raided a home during a drug search in late 2005 and hooded a black couple with their pillowcases after they were handcuffed.

Two other incidents have been discussed with the FBI as well. Macomb County Sheriff Mark Hackel believes this to be a politically motivated attack.

*Source: Detroit Free Press*

**Miami** – The United States Drug Enforcement Agency have charged 30 people with smuggling illegal drugs after finding packets of liquid heroin surgically implanted in the stomachs of purebred puppies.

The DEA said the traffickers were attempting to smuggle the dogs into the U.S. on commercial flights. The heroin was to be distributed along the East Coast.

During a raid, officers found six puppies impregnated with the packets. Three of the dogs later died from infection after the drugs were removed. Officials say the group also used human couriers, aerosol cans and body cream containers to transport the heroin.

*Source: local6.com*

# Letters and Thanks

## BROWARD COUNTY POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION



February 8, 2006

Dear Editor:

Channel 4's "Investigative Report," "Police Station Intimidation," claimed that filing complaints with police departments throughout Broward County could be a serious problem.

This news report was a slanted and fabricated piece of trash, and should be in the tabloids rather than on a legitimate news program.

What the piece fails to show the audience is the "complainant's" comments and demeanor during the proceeding 10 to 30 minutes where the "complainant" creates a confrontation or appears to be a possible mental patient. It is during that non-televized time that the complainant is evasive, changes his story and makes statements that show he is not serious about initiating a complaint. As a result, the police officer is left to believe that the person is merely wasting his time and that of his superiors over a false or non-existent complaint.

The statement from the Chief Timoney of Miami "that any department who does not have a form, then the Chief should resign" is ridiculous. It doesn't matter if a police department has a "complaint form" or not. What is important is that the police department, upon receiving a complaint, thoroughly investigates it. In order to do that, however, certain information is required. Channel 4's "complainant" refused to provide such information.

Channel 4 should be ashamed of such a biased and misleading news story that has absolutely no public benefit. Unfortunately, it appears as though Channel 4 decided not to report the news in this instance but rather create it.

Sincerely,

Dick Brickman  
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December 10, 2005

Michael Braverman, Esq.  
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Dear Mr. Braverman and the Broward County PBA,

Through this letter may I proffer to you my sincerest gratification. Your selfless work ethic and unerring dedication to my involved matter were vital as well as indicative to our superbly facilitated victory. It is noted the past few years have been difficult times for myself, however your esteemed professionalism and demonstrated legal knowledge were vital conducive parallels to my vindication. I can now press onward with my law enforcement career.

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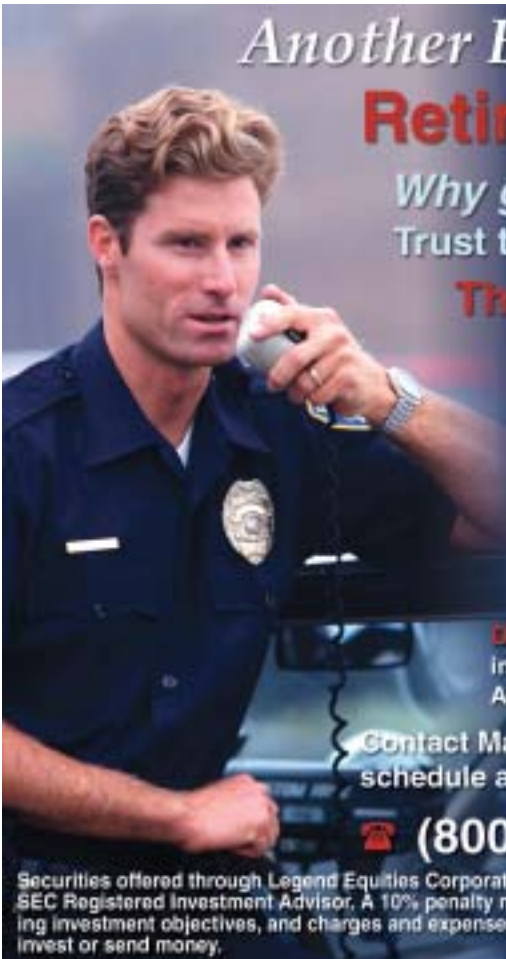
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