



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

November 23, 2011

Commissioner Gerald Bailey  
Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
Post Office Box 1489  
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Dear Commissioner Bailey:

The recent death of Florida A&M University's "Marching 100" band drum major Robert Champion has generated great concern throughout the state and indeed the nation. While I recognize that the investigation into the death of Mr. Champion is being handled by the Orange County Sheriff's Office, the reality is that the death investigation significantly impacts the University, the Tallahassee community, and the State of Florida as a whole. With this in mind, I believe it to be appropriate that the Florida Department of Law Enforcement become involved in investigating this matter.

By this letter, I request that the Florida Department of Law Enforcement thoroughly investigate the death of Robert Champion, working with the Orange County Sheriff's Office and any other investigative agencies as may be necessary, to assure that the circumstances leading to Mr. Champion's death become fully known, and that if there are individuals directly or indirectly responsible for this death, they are appropriately brought to justice and held accountable.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott  
Governor