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To: Davidson, Gary

Cc: Byron, Dave

Subject: SVAA & VCSO

Gary:

Why has Volusia County requested FDLE to investigation the alleged fraud within the Southeast Volusia Advertising Authority? (see below media article)

<http://www.beacononlinenews.com/news/daily/4534>

Doesn't the VCSO have the ability to conduct this investigation?

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Cc - D. Byron

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John,

There's **no question** that the Sheriff's Office has the resources, expertise and capability to conduct the investigation. **The rationale for bringing in FDLE was to avoid any appearance of a conflict.** Since the County now has taken control of the Advertising Authority's finances and has initiated an audit, **the decision was made to bring in an outside agency to avoid any appearance of a conflict that could have resulted from another branch of County Government** -- the Sheriff's Office -- conducting the criminal investigation. For that reason, **the County thought it best to have the criminal investigation conducted by a law enforcement agency that's independent of County Government.** That was the reason that FDLE was asked to conduct the investigation.

Gary