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EMAIL 1 OF 2

From: Jeaneen Witt <jwitt@hollyhillfl.org>
To: JMA Media <jamesmadisonaudits@gmail.com>
Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2026 14:53:16 -0500
Subject: Re: Redactions

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On Thu, Jan 8, 2026 at 8:54 AM Joe Forte <jforte@hollyhillfl.org> wrote:

> We will need to discuss this when I get back this afternoon. We will also
> need to have a discussion with Anthony about it.
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> *From:* JMA Gmail <jamesmadisonaudits@gmail.com>
> *Date:* January 8, 2026 at 8:22:38 AM EST
> *To:* Joe Forte <jforte@hollyhillfl.org>
> *Subject:* *Redactions*
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> □I’m getting ready to publish a story about one of your employees that

> was arrested in Port Orange
>
> It looks like there’s a 119 violation for unauthorized release of
> information and I wanted to see if there was an investigation done and any
> discipline.
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> Thanks.
> Sent from my iPhone
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To: matt tomasello <tkdmattdaddy@live.com>
Cc: JMA Media <jamesmadisonaudits@gmail.com>, Jeaneen Witt <jwitt@hollyhillfl.org>, Valerie Manning <vmanning@hollyhillfl.org>
Date: Thu, 08 Jan 2026 17:58:00 -0500
Subject: Re: Employee violation of FS 119

Mr. Tomasello,

I do not monitor public records requests, including those you submit regularly. It is not my responsibility to do so, nor do I have the capacity. I personally review and respond only to records requests that I am required to fulfill because I am the sole custodian of the record.

I investigated the matter this afternoon, and below is a summary of the response from Jeaneen Witt to Mark Dickenson, which included a request for you to obtain a copy of that response. As I was advised by our police LT, only Mr. Pollack's Social Security number was intended to be redacted from that portion of the report.

During my research this afternoon, I learned that Marsy's Law had been invoked and that victim names and personally identifiable information (PII) should have been redacted. Typically, police reports are distributed by the police department, which has greater experience in properly redacting these documents than the HR Manager or the City Clerk. Moving forward, any police report in the possession of Holly Hill, whether initiated in Holly Hill or by another agency, will be redacted and released by the police department clerks, not city hall staff.

Additionally, the City Clerk and the HR Manager will review Marsy's Law (which I copied below) and read other information about the law, to ensure they are fully informed regarding required redactions and to have an understanding of what is intended.

Thank you for bringing this to my attention.

Joe

Please see below for the complete text of Marsy's Law.

In November of 2018, Florida voters approved Amendment 6, also known as Marsy's Law <https://ballotpedia.org/Florida_Amendment_6,_Marsy%27s_Law_Crime_Victims_Rights,_Judicial_Retirement_Age,_and_Judicial_Interpretation_of_Laws_and_Rules_Amendment_(2018)#Marsy.27s_Law> ,which adds specific rights for crime victims into the Florida Constitution. The new law took effect on January 8,2019 and it states the following.

To preserve and protect the right of crime victims to achieve justice, ensure a meaningful role throughout the criminal and juvenile justice systems for crime victims and ensure that crime victims' rights and interests are respected and protected by law in a manner no less vigorous than protections afforded to criminal defendants and juvenile delinquents,

every victim is entitled to the following rights, beginning at the time of his or her victimization:

- The right to due process and to be treated with fairness and respect for the victim's dignity.
- The right to be free from intimidation, harassment, and abuse.
- The right within the judicial process to be reasonably protected from the accused and persons acting on behalf of the accused. However, nothing contained herein is intended to create a special relationship between the crime victim and any law enforcement agency or office absent a special relationship or duty as defined by Florida law.
- The right to have the safety and welfare of the victim and the victim's family considered when setting bail, including setting pretrial release conditions that protect the safety and welfare of the victim and the victim's family.
- The right to prevent the disclosure of information or records that could be used to locate or harass the victim or the victim's family, or which could disclose confidential or privileged information of the victim.
- The right to the prompt return of the victim's property when no longer needed as evidence in the case.
- The right to full and timely restitution in every case and from each convicted offender for all losses suffered both directly and indirectly by the victim as a result of the criminal conduct.
- The right to proceedings free from unreasonable delay and to a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related post judgement proceedings.
- The State Attorney may make a good faith demand for a speedy trial and the trial court shall hold a calendar call with notice within fifteen days of the filing demand to schedule a trial to commence on a date at least five but no more than sixty days after the date of the calendar call unless the trial judge enters an order with specific findings of fact justifying a trial date more than sixty days after the calendar call.
- All state level appeals and collateral attacks on any judgement must be complete within two years from the date of appeal in non-capital cases and within five years from the date of appeal in capital cases unless a court enters an order with specific findings as to why the court was unable to comply with this subparagraph and the circumstances causing the delay. Each year the chief judge of any district court of appeal or the chief justice of the supreme court shall report on a case by case basis to the speaker of the house of representatives and the president of the senate all cases where the court entered an order regarding inability to comply with this subparagraph. The legislature may enact legislation to implement this subparagraph.
- The right to be informed of these rights and to be informed that victims can seek the advice of an attorney with respect to their rights. This information shall be made available to the general public and be provided to all crime victims in the form of a card or by other means intended to effectively advise the victim of their rights under this section.

The measure also provided crime victims with specific rights upon request, including:[3] <https://ballotpedia.org/Florida_Amendment_6,_Marsy%27s_Law_Crime_Victims_Rights,_Judicial_Retirement_Age,_and_Judicial_Interpretation_of_Laws_and_Rules_Amendment_(2018)#cite_note-text-3>

- *The right to reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of and to be

present at all public proceedings involving the criminal conduct including but not limited to trial. plea. sentencing or adjudication, even if the victim will be a witness at the proceeding, notwithstanding any rule to the contrary.*
- *The right to be provided reasonable, accurate, and timely notice of any release or escape of the defendant or the delinquent and any proceeding during which the right of a victim is implicated.*
- *The right to be heard in any public proceeding involving pretrial or other release from any form of legal constraint, plea, sentencing, adjudication, or parole and any proceeding during which a right of the victim is implicated.*
- *The right to confer with the prosecuting attorneys concerning any plea agreements, participation in pretrial diversion programs, release, restitution, sentencing, or any other dispositions of the case.*
- *The rights of the victim that apply to any First Appearance proceeding are satisfied by a reasonable attempt by the appropriate agency to notify the victim and convey the victim's views to the court.*
- *The right to provide information regarding the impact of the offender's conduct on the victim and the victim's family to the individual responsible for conducting the presentence investigation or compiling any presentence investigation report and to have any such information considered in any sentencing recommendations submitted to the court.*
- *The right to receive a copy of the presentence report and any other report or record relevant to the exercise of a victim's right, except for such portions made confidential or exempt by law.*
- *The right to be informed of the conviction, sentence, adjudication, place and time of incarceration, or other disposition of the convicted offender, any scheduled release date of the offender, and the release of or the escape of the offender from custody.*
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- *The right to be informed of clemency and expungement procedures, to provide information to the governor, the court, any clemency board and other authority in these procedures and to have that information considered before a clemency or expungement decision is made and to be noticed of such decision in advance of any release of the offender.*

The measure defined victim as "a person who suffers direct or threatened physical, psychological, or financial harm as a result of the commission or attempted commission of a crime or delinquent act or against whom the crime or delinquent act is committed."[3] <https://ballotpedia.org/Florida_Amendment_6,_Marsy%27s_Law_Crime_Victims_Rights,_Judicial_Retirement_Age,_and_Judicial_Interpretation_of_Laws_and_Rules_Amendment_(2018)#cite_note-text-3>

- *The victim, the retained attorney of the victim, a lawful representative of the victim, or the office of state attorney upon request of the victim, may assert and seek enforcement of the rights enumerated in this section and any other right afforded to a victim by law in any trial or appellate court, or before any other authority with jurisdiction over the case, as a matter of right. The court or other authority with jurisdiction shall act promptly on such a request, affording a remedy by

due course of law for the violation of any right. The reasons for any decision regarding the disposition of a victim's right shall be clearly stated on the record.*
- *The granting of the rights in this section to victims may not be construed to deny or impair any other rights possessed by victims. The provisions of this section apply throughout criminal and juvenile justice processes, are self-executing and do not require implementing legislation. This section may not be construed to create any cause of action for damages against the state or a political subdivision of the state or any officer, employee or agent of the state or its political subdivisions*

---------- Forwarded message ---------
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On Thu, Jan 8, 2026 at 3:04 PM matt tomasello <tkdmattdaddy@live.com> wrote:

> Good Day Mr. Forte,
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> I made a public records request on Mr. Pollock. 25-1246.
> I do strongly suggest that you investigate this immediately as all of Mr.
> Pollock's personal information was released to me completely unredacted.
> (DOB, Address, Driver's license number, Social security number). I would
> also like to point out that 2 different police officers were the alleged
> victims in this situation and their PII was released as well despite
> Marsy's law being invoked. The online portal states that Valerie Manning is
> the POC in this matter.
>
> I did bring a copy to Chief Williams today and I understand he is going
> through an immense family tragety.
>
> Going forward Mr. Pollock will probably need to inform his attorney of
> this extremely serious data breach committed by the city of Holly Hill
> employees. Do you have a written response that I can give the Port Orange
> Police Department? I'm certain these officers would not want their PII
> shared publically.
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> I know you monitor almost every single public records request that I make
> so how could something this terrible happen under your watch? (Not the
> first time!)
>
> Matt Tomasello
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