

Statement from Sheriff Mascara regarding arrest of Deputy Wisben Sanon

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"The St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office takes serious all allegations of employee misconduct and as such has worked closely with the Port St. Lucie Police Department in their investigation. In accordance with Florida Statute, Mr. Sanon is currently on unpaid administrative leave pending the outcome of our internal investigation. His despicable actions should not characterize all members of the law enforcement profession, nor our agency. Personally, I am deeply saddened that Mr. Sanon abused his parental role and authority to allegedly commit such a heinous crime," said Sheriff Ken J. Mascara.

According to the Sheriff, Sanon was hired by the Sheriff's Office in November of 2013 as a records clerk. In December of 2015, he was re-classified as an uncertified detention deputy while attending the corrections officer academy. In May of 2016, he was re-classified as a certified detention deputy at the St. Lucie County Jail. On May 23, 2017, he was placed on administrative leave with pay pending an administrative review of allegations of misconduct. On July 3, 2017, after failing to comply with the provisions of administrative leave with pay, Sanon was placed on administrative leave without pay.

ABOUT THE SHERIFF:

The Florida Constitution establishes the Office of the elected County Sheriff who is responsible for preserving the peace, carrying out the orders of Florida courts and the Board of County Commissioners, and providing deputies at court sessions and meetings of the Board of County Commissioners. The Sheriff is the chief correctional officer of the county. Sheriff Ken J. Mascara is elected by the people of St. Lucie County and is accountable to them.