



Nassau County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Bill Leeper

March 7, 2017

Honorable Danny Leeper
Chairman, Board of County Commissioners
96135 Nassau Place
Yulee, Florida 32097

Re: Crime Prevention Trust Fund – \$20,000 Family Nurturing Center in Nassau County

Dear Chairman Leeper,

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office is wishing to remove \$20,000.00 from the Crime Prevention Trust Fund to donate to the Family Nurturing Center in Nassau County. The Family Nurturing Center provides a nurturing environment for Nassau County families impacted by divorce, custody battles, and domestic violence, by keeping children safe during these challenging times and helping parent's foster positive relationships with their children. The Center in Yulee has provided safe visitation and exchange services to our community while keeping victims safe and preventing new crimes over the past year. We would like to continue the support for its operation.

The services provided by the Family Nurturing Center have the support of the 4th Judicial Circuit, as Judge Robert Foster is a strong proponent and utilizes their services in cases that warrant children's protection. In addition to averting the costly police response and investigation, their programs also avert the subsequent prosecution and incarceration costs when crimes occur during unsupervised custody exchanges.

Pursuant to Florida State Statute, Section 775.083, the County in consultation with the Sheriff must expend monies from the Crime Prevention Fund for crime prevention programs in the County. As such, I am requesting that the County approve the use of \$20,000 for the Family Nurturing Center.

Sincerely,

NASSAU COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill".

Bill Leeper
Sheriff, Nassau County



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February 15, 2017

Honorable Bill Leeper
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Dear Sheriff Leeper:

For several years the Family Nurturing Center has provided the courts with essential services. In partnership with the Nassau County Bar Association it provides a Visitation Center for the citizens of Nassau County. Its purpose is to provide a protected environment where children can safely meet their parents for supervised visits and exchanges. Our judges have made great use of the center in domestic violence cases and in sensitive dissolution cases. The services provided by the Family Nurturing Center enhance public safety and reduce the burden to law enforcement.

On behalf of the judges of Nassau County we express our continued support and join in the Family Nurturing Center's request for funding from the Board of County Commissioners.

If you, any of the other commissioners or your staff have questions please call me.

Very truly yours,

Robert M. Foster

RMF/nb

cc: Chairman Daniel B. Leeper
Commissioner Stephen W. Kelley
Commissioner Pat Edwards
Commissioner George V. Spicer
Commissioner Justin Taylor
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