

Sheriff

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Governor Ron DeSantis
The Capital
400 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Governor DeSantis:

It's no secret over the past eighteen months I've been dealing with numerous health issues which have progressively affected my abilities to perform the physical duties which are required of a Florida law enforcement officer and especially those of a Sheriff. I expect my deputies to perform at a certain level and I place those same expectations on myself. Over the past few months, it has become apparent to me that I cannot meet those expectations any further and have decided to retire effective at the close of business today.

For twenty-three years I've been honored to work shoulder to shoulder with the hard working men and women of the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office to serve our community. I am greatly appreciative to the citizens of our community who have placed their trust and confidence in me to protect them, their families, and our community...it has been my greatest honor.

As our Governor, you have been a steadfast supporter of law enforcement. Through your policies and financial support of law enforcement officers, we feel appreciated and valued. Florida is safer than ever and I speak for every Florida Sheriff...we greatly appreciate your leadership. I've been blessed to work with the best Sheriffs in the world to keep Florida safe.

Whomever you appoint as St. Lucie County's next Sheriff, you have my commitment for a smooth transition so as the next Sheriff continues to successfully serve our citizens.

God bless you, First Lady Casey, and your family.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken J. Mascara", is written over a white background.

Ken J. Mascara

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cc: Florida Sheriff's Association

