

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT  
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

On April 27, 2020, Flagler County Sheriff's Office Chief of Staff Mark Strobridge emailed the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Office of Executive Investigations (OEI). Chief Strobridge asked that OEI investigate allegations made against Flagler County Commissioner Joe Mullins. The allegations, that Commissioner Mullins was "engaging prostitutes", were outlined in correspondence attached to the email.

OEI Inspector Keith Riddick was asked to review the above described referrals.

Inspector Riddick subsequently reviewed the following documents regarding this subject;

1. A letter attached sent to Flagler County Sheriff Rick Staley from Palm Coast Observer Executive Editor Brian McMillan.
2. Two pages of what appear to be screen captures of emails, texts, photos, and a "PayPal" receipt reportedly identifying Commissioner Mullins one of the involved parties, that were attached to the correspondence from Mr. McMillan.
3. Bunnell PD Report #20-9756 with copies of the same documents sent by Mr. McMillan, as well as copies of texts provided by Mr. Mullins and a supplement stating that Commissioner Mullins would address his complaint via the civil courts.
4. A "Daytona News Journal" article dated May 1, 2020 titled "Flagler commissioner Mullins calls anonymous email linking him to escorts a smear effort".
5. A "Flagler Live" article dated May 4, 2020 titled "The Joe Mullins Smear".

It should be noted that although the reviewed documents contained unverified information that Commissioner Mullins had interacted with an escort service, it did not substantiate the allegation that he was "engaging prostitutes".

On April 29, 2020, Bunnell Police Department (BPD) Detective Kyle Totten emailed OEI advising that Commissioner Mullins had filed a complaint with their Department regarding the above allegations.

On May 7, 2020 Inspector Riddick spoke with Commissioner Mullins about these matters. Commissioner Mullins advised that he had not been involved in the solicitation of a prostitute and that the money he sent via PayPal (from one of the reviewed documents) was pertaining to a reimbursement related to his short term rental business. Commissioner Mullins also reiterated that he did not wish to proceed with a criminal investigation related to the allegations of cyber-

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stalking he made to BPD.

Based on the information provided and reviewed at this time, there was no evidence to corroborate a criminal predicate for FDLE to conduct a criminal investigation.

Digital copies of the related documentation are attached to this investigative report as Related Item #128.