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**Rick Staly, Sheriff**

## **FLAGLER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

*"An honor to serve, a duty to protect."*

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### **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: December 29, 2017

TO: Deputy Jeffrey Puritis

FROM: Undersheriff Jack Bisland *J Bisland*

RE: Suspension of Patrol Car

Deputy Puritis,

On December 20, 2017 at approximately 8:30 am I personally observed you operating your issued Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) marked patrol vehicle northbound on US 1 just south of the Bunnell city limits. You passed me in the fast lane and I clocked you in excess of 85 miles per hour which was 20 + miles in excess of the posted speed limit. After confirming you were not responding to a call for service I caught up with you and advised you to slow down. Subsequently we had a telephone conversation approximately 8:50 am that same date. I explained to you the necessity to operate your marked patrol car within the speed limit for safety as well as public perception. Essentially, you advised you were on route to work and not focused on your speed.

It recently came to my attention that the Sheriff also had a similar experience not to long ago when he observed you travelling in your marked patrol car at an excessively high speed on US 1. The Sheriff followed up with a telephone conversation with you and expressed the same concerns as I. You advised the Sheriff you were going home on your lunch hour to care for your dog.

Based on our encounter being your second observed violation of failing to operate your issued marked police vehicle in a safe manner and your disregard for your first warning I am suspending your take home privilege for a period of twenty working days. You will be required to park and leave your marked patrol car at FCSO Operations daily so the vehicle will be available to you during work hours in the event you need to accompany a Judge to an event or other legitimate business. You will need to provide your own transportation to and from Operations each day during this twenty day suspension of your take home privileges.

It is my sincere hope that this suspension serves to illustrate the gravity of your actions and the need to operate your issued vehicle in a safe and lawful manner. This non-formal corrective measure will commence during the month of January 2018.

Cc: Human Resources  
Chief Steve Cole