



FUGITIVE

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SURRENDER

TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

*"For every fugitive that voluntarily surrenders, law enforcement officers and residents face one less potentially dangerous confrontation on the streets."*

Community partnerships are among of the most powerful forces at work in America to address critical societal challenges such as public safety, jail overcrowding and community re-entry.

Thousands of felony fugitives are present in every major city across America, many wanted for violent crimes, but a far larger number sought by law enforcement for lower-level, non-violent offenses.

Federal, state and local law enforcement are in constant pursuit of these individuals and apprehend large numbers of them each year through regular investigative efforts and fugitive sweeps. These duties are among the most dangerous faced by U.S. Marshals, police and sheriffs: not only to themselves, but to neighborhoods where fugitives hide, and to fugitives, too.

The U.S. Marshals Service is the primary agency designated by the U.S. Department of Justice for the apprehension of fugitives, arresting thousands annually and capturing more than all other agencies combined.

Fugitive Safe Surrender is a relatively new initiative led by the U.S. Marshals Service that encourages fugitives - through coordinated media and community outreach efforts - to voluntarily surrender to authorities at both faith-based and other neutral settings and, where law and justice allow, proceed through final adjudication the same day.

Fugitive Safe Surrender has no religious requirement whatsoever and does not offer amnesty in exchange for surrender; rather, it offers favorable consideration from prosecutors and courts for individuals who accept responsibility for their actions.

Fugitive Safe Surrender's four surrender days are immediately followed by large-scale fugitive sweeps partnering federal, state and local law enforcement in which no consideration is granted to captured individuals.

The U.S. Marshals Service leads the nationwide implementation of this promising new strategy and recognizes the successful sites in Cleveland; Phoenix; Indianapolis; Akron; Nashville; Memphis, TN; Washington, DC; Rochester, NY; Detroit, MI; Columbia, SC; Philadelphia; Camden, NJ; Wilmington, DE; Harrisburg, PA; Chester, PA; and Newark, NJ.

### Core Partner Responsibilities

The community/religious leader's five (5) primary responsibilities are to:

1. Serve as liaison for FSS in the media - including television and radio PSAs;
2. Assist in organizing a large and diverse coalition of religious and community leaders from across the target area to support FSS;
3. Assist in organizing a group of approximately 100 volunteers who will spread the FSS message at the grass-roots level and serve as support staff during the four surrender days at the facility; and
4. Open his/her facility for four days - all day - to serve as the primary surrender point for fugitives.
5. Support the USMS' FSS volunteer training on constitutional issues, which emphasizes that FSS involves no religious activity or requirement.

The court's four (4) primary responsibilities are to:

1. Concur with the program's general premise that fugitives that surrender voluntarily and peacefully will be afforded "favorable consideration" for doing so (versus those who are arrested in sweeps, etc.) during plea and sentencing;
2. Concur with the program's general premise that fugitives with: (1) no history of violence; (2) who are wanted for a nonviolent offense; and (3) who do not have extensive criminal records will - consistent with the law and the court's discretion - be processed and released from the facility the same day they surrender; and
3. Participate on-site at the facility during all four days of the surrender period.
4. Participate at an alternate site, which can be the court house or another facility without a connection to religion.

Similarly, the prosecutor's four (4) primary responsibilities are to:

1. Concur with the program's general premise that fugitives that surrender voluntarily and peacefully will be afforded "favorable consideration" for doing so (versus those who are arrested in sweeps, etc.) during plea negotiations;
2. Concur with the program's general premise that fugitives with: (1) no history of violence; (2) who are wanted for a nonviolent offense; and (3) who do not have extensive criminal records will - consistent with the law and prosecutorial discretion - be processed and released (i.e. not arrested and jailed) from the facility the same day they surrender;

3. Staff the Fugitive Safe Surrender toll-free hotline (for fugitives to call) for one week prior to the surrender period; and
4. Participate on-site at the facility during all four days of the surrender period.

The public/legal defender's (and defense attorney's) primary responsibility is to:

1. Provide on-site legal representation during the four surrender days to all individuals who qualify.

The Court Administrator's office / Clerk of Court's primary responsibility is to:

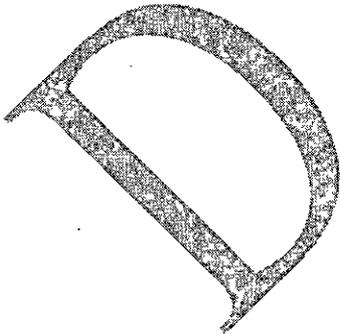
1. Work on-site at the facility during all four days of the surrender period to provide the information necessary for the administration of the court process and record the court proceedings in the official record.

The Department of Corrections and Probation and Parole's primary responsibility is to:

1. Work on-site at the facility during all four days of the surrender period to provide probation and parole assistance during the administration of the court process for those surrendering who may have issues related to their probation or parole status.

Front-line law enforcement's six (6) primary responsibilities are to:

1. Positively identify each surrendering individual;
2. Run record checks on each surrendering individual;
3. Ensure the security of the surrender site(s) and the safety of all participants;
4. Arrest and transport surrendering individuals whose criminal history and/or warrant justify arrest;
5. Staff the Fugitive Safe Surrender toll-free hotline (for fugitives to call) for one week prior to the surrender period; and
6. Perform fugitive sweeps immediately after the surrender period.



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The USMS is responsible for administering the \$26,000 grant provided by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, in addition to the financial responsibilities of the data gathering and analysis and limited publishing/printing expenses for an initial run of flyers and posters, volunteer materials and intake packets. It is understood that the BJA grant requires matching funds from the state and local participants in Fugitive Safe Surrender. A preliminary accounting of that match, in dollars or in kind, is expected prior to the start of **Fugitive Safe Surrender-Tallahassee**, and a final accounting upon the conclusion of the operation.

Advertising for the FSS program should note that there is no religious requirement to participate in FSS, and that a secular alternate location is available.

**ACCORDINGLY**, we the undersigned join together in support of the U.S. Marshals Service Fugitive Safe Surrender Program in **Tallahassee, Florida**, and agree to participate as partners in its development and implementation under the direction of the U.S. Marshals Service for the Northern District of Florida. This Agreement has been executed by the parties in several counterparts, each of which shall be deemed to be an original copy.

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Dennis Williamson  
U.S. Marshal, Northern District of Florida

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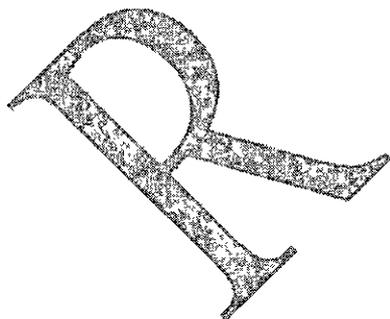
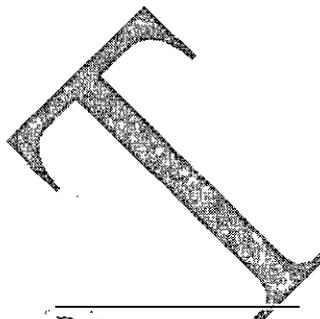
**FUGITIVE SAFE SURRENDER**  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

**MEMORANDUM OF PARTICIPATION**

**LEON COUNTY CLERK OF COURTS**

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Bob Inzer  
Clerk of Court

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Date



**FUGITIVE SAFE SURRENDER**  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

**MEMORANDUM OF PARTICIPATION**

**LEON COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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Parwez Alam  
Leon County Administrator

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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**LEON COUNTY PROBATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Wanda Hunter  
Director

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Date

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Parwez Alam  
Leon County Administrator

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Date

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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**LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

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Larry Campbell  
Sheriff

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Date

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**FUGITIVE SAFE SURRENDER**  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

**MEMORANDUM OF PARTICIPATION**

**OFFICE OF PUBLIC DEFENDER, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

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Nancy Daniels  
Public Defender

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**FUGITIVE SAFE SURRENDER**  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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**FLORIDA SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

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Charles A. Francis  
Chief Judge

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**STATE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

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William N. Meggs  
State Attorney

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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**TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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Dennis M. Jones  
Chief of Police

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**

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