

From: [Susan Alyn](#)
To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Cc: [Sunburst: USAFLS-CitizenComplaints \(USAFLS\)](#)
Subject: RE: Gov Scott's refusal to read evidence of corruption by local official in Collier County / Re: query
Date: Thursday, January 16, 2014 5:05:32 PM

Re: Gov Scott's refusal to read evidence of corruption by local official in Collier County

Dear Barbara Traylor, Office of Citizen Services, Executive Office of the Governor:

I received your email and I was disappointed. But your email was not surprising to me because I know Gov Scott resides in Collier County. I would like to politely point out that though omitted in your email, it seems to me there are in fact instances where a governor can request an investigation of a local elected official, according to what I am reading here on the FL Dept of Law Enforcement site:

<https://www.fdle.state.fl.us/content/getdoc/53610fa0-2560-4969-ab64-9c36afe42c69/Frequently-Asked-Questions.aspx>

Who performs investigations on public officials and special investigations ordered by the Governor?

- *FDLE Executive Investigations handles investigations ordered by the Governor and conducts complex cases where public officials are suspected of criminal activity. In addition, Executive Investigations conducts background checks for governmental agencies (statutory authority is required).*

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When can Executive Investigations conduct an investigation?

- *For any of the following three reasons:*
 - *There is an alleged crime*
 - *On specific direction in writing from the Governor*
 - *By joint resolution of the Florida House and Senate*

I am alleging to you and Governor Scott that I believe Dwight Brock has committed numerous crimes by fabricating public records and/or by posting information he knows is false on a public web site (the court web site) for the purpose of obstructing justice in criminal matters, in addition to certain other crimes he has committed, which I would like to detail to someone interested in investigating such.

My understanding of the FDLE information is that Gov Scott has the legal authority to at least read and consider a complaint I would like to write and send to his office, and if crimes are alleged and evidenced, the governor has the authority under law to order an investigation.

Yet, your emails sounds like that he will not read any evidence, and thus you suggest I contact an ethics commission or the elected local official, Dwight Brock.

The last time I read Florida Ethics Commission procedures I recall reading that if a person makes a complaint and the Ethics Commission rules against that citizen's complaint, then, the citizen is required to pay the legal fees of the person investigated. I do not have unlimited financial resources to pay Dwight Brock's legal bills should an Ethics Commission be corrupt as well, and rule in his favor for political reasons. It seems to me this procedure has a chilling effect on citizen complaints, and prevents such complaints, as intended by the Ethics Commission.

I also do not believe Dwight Brock will stop engaging in crimes and being corrupt simply because I write to him and ask him to stop engaging in crimes, so I don't think that is an appropriate course of action either.

I do think the governor should have stated in your email that he has the authority to order an investigation if he believes a crime has been or is being committed, and therefore, he is willing to read a complaint. Again, I do believe crimes are being continuously committed by Dwight Brock, for political reasons, for the purpose of obstructing justice in criminal matters.

Again, I am disappointed in your email, though it was not unexpected. I note that Florida seems to have quite a few corrupt public officials, and I think there must be a reason for this; perhaps one reason being citizens have no recourse to submit information / evidence of complaints for investigations because: there is really no interest in stopping public corruption at the highest levels of government, as often the corruption concerns crimes committed or directed by political figures.

I happen to believe Gov Scott was selected by the FL GOP to run for governor because he met the two primary criteria: (1) being from Collier County, which has proven to me to be a cesspool of corruption, and (2) being able to testify in trials without saying anything. If not Gov Scott, it would have been another GOP candidate (1) from Collier County also experienced in (2) testifying and saying nothing. I am sorry, but that is my belief and opinion. Had Gov Scott been willing to at least read and consider a complaint against Dwight Brock, my opinion would be different right now.

Finally, according to this NY Times article below, I see the US Attorney's Office in Miami investigated local public officials in Miami last year:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2013/09/02/us/arrests-of-3-mayors-reinforce-floridas-notoriety-as-a-hothouse-for-corruption.html>

Arrests of 3 Mayors Reinforce Florida's Notoriety as a Hothouse for Corruption

By NICK MADIGAN

Published: September 1, 2013

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Even by Florida standards, the arrests of three suburban Miami mayors on corruption charges within a month were a source of dismay, if not exactly a surprise.

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The New York Times

The mayors of Sweetwater and Miami Lakes were also charged with corruption in August.

On Wednesday, Steven C. Bateman, 58, the mayor of Homestead, was arrested. He is accused of accepting under-the-table payments from a health care company that sought to build a clinic in town, the state attorney's office for Miami-Dade County said. Mr. Bateman was turned in by City Council members and staff, said employees interviewed Friday at City Hall.

On Aug. 6, Manuel L. Maroño, 41, the mayor of Sweetwater and president of the [Florida League of Cities](#), and Michael A. Pizzi, 51, the Miami Lakes mayor, were picked up along with two lobbyists. The United States attorney's office has accused them of involvement in kickback and bribery schemes concerning federal grants.

Prosecutors said Mr. Maroño had received more than \$40,000 in bribes and Mr. Pizzi \$6,750. The defendants, who were targets of an F.B.I. sting operation, are charged with “conspiracy to commit extortion under color of official right” and could face 20 years in prison if convicted.

Gov. Rick Scott suspended all three mayors while the criminal cases proceed....

I have cc-ed that US Attorney's Office on this email.

Thank you for responding to my email.

Susan Alyn

cc: US Attorney's Office, Miami

On Thu, Jan 16, 2014 at 3:52 PM, Governor Rick Scott <Rick.Scott@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

Dear Ms. Alyn,

Thank you for contacting Governor Rick Scott regarding the county clerks of court. The Governor appreciates your concerns and asked me to respond on his behalf.

Although we appreciate your concerns, the Governor's ability to intervene in local government issues is limited. Our government is structured on the principle that communities can best assess the needs of their residents. Voters elect their county officials to manage local government business. Those dissatisfied with the performance of local officials can always make their views known directly to those officials. Your best source of assistance with your concerns is Dwight Brock, Clerk of Court in Collier County.

The following information was obtained on the website for the Florida Association of Clerk of Courts https://www.flclerks.com/clerk_role.html:

ACCOUNTABILITY AS A PUBLIC TRUSTEE

- The Office of the Clerk is a complex organization that performs a wide range of record keeping, information management and financial management in the judicial system and county government
- In a study conducted by the Joint select Committee on Judicial Personnel of the Legislature, it was calculated that the Clerk's office performs 926 different constitutional and

- statutory functions or duties.
- With the magnitude of the impact the Clerk's duties have on the peoples' rights and property it is essential that the Clerk be accountable for his/her actions.
 - Thus, the constitution and statutes decree that:
 - The Clerk be governed by statutory authority in carrying out the duties and functions of the office.
 - As auditor and custodian of all county funds, the clerk be subject to State Auditor General rules and regulations.
 - The Clerk be subject to annual audits by an independent audit firm.

MOST IMPORTANT

Accountability is further derived by the Clerks' duties and actions being constantly subjected to public evaluation and scrutiny through the election process every four (4) years.

The Constitution of the State of Florida

"A public office is a public trust. The people have the right to secure and sustain that trust." ARTICLE I, SECTION 8

"There shall be in each county a Clerk of the Circuit Court who shall be selected pursuant to the provisions of Article VIII, Section I." ARTICLE V, SECTION 16

"The Clerk of the Circuit Court shall be Ex-officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Auditor, Recorder and Custodian of all County funds" ARTICLE VIII, SECTION 1(d)

As the Clerks of Court are elected officials, you may also wish to contact the Florida Commission on Ethics, at the following address and website:

Virlindia Doss, Executive Director
P. O. Drawer 15709
Tallahassee, FL 32317-5709
or
325 John Knox Road
Building E, Suite 200
Tallahassee, FL 32303
phone: [850/488-7864](tel:8504887864)
fax: [850/488-3077](tel:8504883077)

<http://www.ethics.state.fl.us/>

Thank you again for taking the time to contact Governor Scott. Governor Scott hopes your concerns can be resolved to your satisfaction.

Sincerely,

Barbara Traylor

Office of Citizen Services

Executive Office of the Governor

From: Susan Alyn [<mailto:susan.alyn@gmail.com>]

Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2014 9:51 PM

To: Scott Open Government

Cc: USAFLS-CitizenComplaints (USAFLS)

Subject: [Spam:***** SpamScore] query

To Whom It May Concern at scottopengov@eog.myflorida.com:

I found your email address online here:

http://www.flgov.com/open_government/

I am writing to ask who supervises the court clerk of each Florida county,

and to whom I may address a complaint about a particular court clerk I believe is corrupt.

It seems to me this county court clerk is abusing his power and misusing authority by

using the county's court web site of public records for political purposes. I believe he is deliberately posting information about non-existent or fabricated court records and defaming an innocent citizen.

I would like this misconduct to stop, as in my view, this is not only harassment and defamation,
but a fraud tainting the judicial system and a crime.

Kindly email to me the name, email address and mailing address of the

Florida public official who has the authority to investigate a county court clerk

I have reason to believe is corrupt.

The court clerk I am referring to is Dwight Brock of Collier County.

Because his misconduct has happened numerous times in the same related matters, I do not believe he is making "mistakes" but rather acting deliberately and unlawfully to benefit certain corrupt Republican lawyers in Collier County acting pursuant to certain corrupt Republican politicians.

Finally, I am reading newspaper articles about the bridge scandal in NJ that state:

"those [traffic lane] closures clearly constituted a crime because public property was used for political purposes."

http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2014/01/face_the_nation_fox_sunday_gwb.html

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N.J. bridge scandal: Assembly could impeach Christie if more evidence comes out

It seems to me a county website for court records is likewise public property, and if deliberately and repeatedly misused by the county court clerk, that, too, would be a crime. I realize a mistake can be made, but this is a continuous course of misconduct that I have seen which is upsetting me.

I have cc-ed the US Attorney's Office in Miami on this email, for their information.

Thank you.

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formerly of Collier County, and now out of state

| cc: US Attorney Miami