

INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT COVER SHEET

Name of Agreement: Stuart PD Juvenile Offender Diversion Program

Level of Agreement: 4

Effective Date: 4-12-16

Termination Date: None

Review Date: None

Agreement Number: None

**INTERAGENCY AGREEMENT
FOR THE OPERATION OF
THE STUART POLICE DEPARTMENT
JUVENILE OFFENDER DIVERSION PROGRAM**

This agreement is made and effective on the date signed by all of the parties, by and between:

- The City of Stuart Police Department, hereinafter referred to as the "Police Department"
- The State Attorney of the 19th Judicial Circuit, hereinafter referred to as the "State Attorney"
- The Department of Juvenile Justice, hereinafter referred to as "DJJ"

PURPOSE OF THE AGREEMENT

The purpose of the agreement is to define the respective roles and responsibilities of the agencies and parties involved in the operations of the Stuart Police Department Juvenile First Offender Program.

BACKGROUND AND LEGISLATION

The Stuart Police Department Juvenile First Offender Program is a product of the Police Department's desire to 1) give children with misdemeanor offenses a chance to salvage a clean record and 2) to create a swift and meaningful learning experience designed to prevent a re-arrest.

The First Offender Program is authorized by Florida Legislature Chapter 985.115 subsection 4.

As identified by their accompanying signatures:

THE STUART POLICE DEPARTMENT AGREES TO:

Provide a diversion opportunity whereby juvenile offenders, arrested within the City of Stuart and charged with a misdemeanor, may have the arrest withheld from filing with the Juvenile Court by participating in the Stuart Police Department Youth Intervention Diversion Offender Program. The Youth Intervention Counselor will meet with the juvenile and parent/guardian for an intake session and determine proper sanctions for the youth. Some of these suggestions may include an evening curfew, individual or family counseling, community service hours, drug assessment or counseling, victim restitution, and/or written essays. In addition, the Police Department will require that the youth not

re-offend from one year from the date of the original arrest in order to avoid having those charge(s) filed with the Juvenile Court.

Always inform the parents and child that they may opt to have the arrest filed and processed through the Juvenile Court System. This option may be exercised at the time of the initial arrest/complaint, while the officer is filling out the juvenile affidavit or during the first follow-up assessment interview with the Youth Counselor.

THE STATE ATTORNEY OF THE 19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AGREES TO:

Review and take appropriate action on arrest affidavits filed by the Stuart Police Department of children who have failed to complete the sanctions prescribed by the First Offender Program. This will include, but is not limited to, children who fail to report to work assignments in a timely manner, fail to complete a work assignment, or fail to complete assigned intervention services within the prescribed time.

THE DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE AGREES TO:

Review and take appropriate action on arrest affidavits filed by the Police Department of children who have failed to complete the sanctions prescribed by the First Offender Program. This will include, but is not limited to, children who failed to report to work assignments in a timely manner, failed to complete a work assignment, or failed to complete assigned intervention services within the prescribed time.

Provide offense history information on juveniles arrested by Police Department in order to assist the department in determining offender status. Immediately upon request, the DJJ will supply the offense history information verbally.

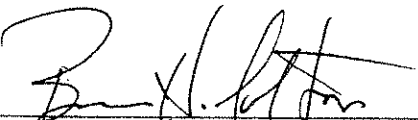
Send a written record documenting successful, unsuccessful, or rejected status for each case referred by the Diversion Offender Program to 830 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Stuart, FL 34994.

SIGNATURES OF PARTIES TO THIS AGREEMENT:



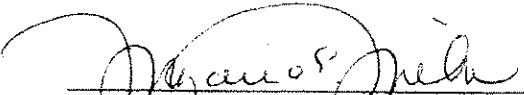
David Dyess, Chief of Police
Stuart Police Department

Date 4-11-16



Bruce Colton, State Attorney
19th Judicial Circuit

Date 4-12-16



Wydeca Wilson, Circuit 19
Juvenile Probation Officer Supervisor
Department of Juvenile Justice

Date 3-3-16