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Sheriff Gregory Tony
Broward Sheriff's Office
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Re: Manufactured Crack Cocaine Cases

Dear Sheriff Tony, ^{Greg}

Please accept this letter as notice to the Broward Sheriff's Office of the State's intent to move to vacate the Judgment and Sentence of Defendants who were arrested and convicted for purchasing crack cocaine manufactured by BSO during reverse sting operations orchestrated by the agency between 1988 and 1990. Subsequently, the convictions in these cases were invalidated by the decision rendered in *State of Florida v. Leon Williams*, 623 So.2d 462 (1993). In *Williams*, the Florida Supreme Court held law enforcement's conduct in illegally manufacturing crack cocaine was so outrageous as to violate the due process clause of the Florida Constitution.

Due to their age, these cases are now outside of the Retention Schedule and are ripe for destruction. These matters were well before our tenures. However, I am of the opinion that the State has an ethical duty and obligation to correct this injustice before destruction is initiated. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Pryor", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

HAROLD F. PRYOR
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