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Ron DeSantis, Honorable Governor
The Capitol Building
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001
Re: Complaint against: Lee County Sheriff Carmine Marceno

Dear Governor DeSantis,

I am writing to request an executive investigation into the certification of appointed Lee County Sheriff, Carmine Marceno. Sheriff Marceno was appointed by Governor Rick Scott just prior to the end of his, and Lee County Sheriff Mike Scott's, terms in office.

Based on a news article published by FOX 4 out of Cape Coral, Florida, on July 10, 2019, Sheriff Marceno was never qualified to take the Florida State Police Officer's Exam. If true, not only would Sheriff Marceno lose his police officer certification but he could be charged and prosecuted for crime(s), any arrest(s) he has made could be vacated and any training he ever conducted could be invalidated. History currently shows the following information:

1. Carmine Marceno was a Park Ranger in New York on a part-time/seasonal basis and never served as a full-time officer for a minimum of one full year as required by Florida Statutes (Authenticated by time sheet copies and personnel forms supplied by his law enforcement agency);
2. Carmine Marceno was hired by the Naples, Florida Police Department with the agreement he would qualify and pass his certification exam. Carmine Marceno was permitted to take the exam however he failed it twice and was terminated (Authenticated by Naples Police Department personnel records);
3. Carmine Marceno was later hired by the Collier County, Florida Sheriff's Office and passed his State certification exam. Carmine Marceno was later hired by the Lee County, Florida Sheriff's Office as subsequently was appointed Sheriff in Lee County;
4. Questions arose about Carmine Marceno not ever meeting the qualifications to take the exam mentioned in number (2), above, and FOX 4 of Cape Coral, Florida reporters Jame Monreal and Frank Cipolla conducted an investigation which revealed the following:

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- A form signed by a Saint Petersburg Police Academy administrator (Mr. Brown) marked the box labeling Marceno's experience as full-time. That administrator has retired and is not making himself available to explain why he marked the box full-time and the academy has no records to support his claim,
- The FOX 4 investigation reveals a form signed by Sheriff Marceno in which he refused to

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- The FOX 4 investigation reveals a form signed by Sheriff Marceno in which he refused to mark the box full or part-time. Other records show his experience was clearly part-time and, as such, was not qualified to take the exam in the first place.

I am requesting an executive investigation be conducted to clear up the matter. I suspect someone in the Florida Department of Law Enforcement accepted the form signed by the police academy administrator, took it as gospel and permitted the test be taken. Since Carmine Marceno had taken the exam twice before he was permitted to take it additional times without validation of his work history and he subsequently passed the exam. No one ever questioned the documentation that clearly showed Sheriff Marceno was not qualified to take the exam, something that should have made itself questionable when his form was signed by an academy administrator in (St. Petersburg) out of Carmine Marceno's normal district (Fort Myers).

We find no evidence that Carmine Marceno ever attended or passed a Florida Police Academy training course of almost 800 hours and we find no evidence that Carmine Marceno ever served for 12 full months as a full time law enforcement officer in any state, all requirements of Florida Statutes pertaining to taking the Equivalence of Training (EOT) qualifications required to take the exam.

If I am wrong, I apologize for everyone's effort but at least we will know the facts in this matter. If I am right, a fraud has been committed against the voters in Lee and Collier Counties and crimes have been committed.

Thank you for your time in this matter.

Respectfully,

Rodney Shoap
Lee County Sheriff, Retired
Magistrate, Retired
Police Chief, Retired