



International Union of Police Associations

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Statement of the I.U.P.A. Regarding the Appointment of Keith Pearson

The International Union of Police Associations is aware of the controversy surrounding the recent Governor's appointment of Keith Pearson to the position of Sheriff of St Lucie County.

Neither the International nor the St. Lucie Deputies Association, Local 6010, were solicited for nor provided any input into this appointment process. Any issues discussed or debated regarding this will also be made without our input.

No matter how the issue is resolved, our members will continue to sacrifice and work tirelessly to provide safety and security to the residents of this county.

We will have no further comments.

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NOTE:

*Originally chartered in 1979, the **International Union of Police Associations** is the only chartered labor union that exclusively represents law enforcement personnel. The I.U.P.A. represents active-duty, rank and file law enforcement professionals and emergency medical personnel nationwide – including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. The I.U.P.A.'s mission is to protect and advance officers' wages, benefits, and work conditions. Membership includes officers from agencies throughout the United States, including the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico.*

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