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Media Advisory: Deputy Clinton Ferguson Reinstated After Career Service Appeals Board

On July 6, 2017, Sheriff Darnell notified Deputy Sheriff Clinton Ferguson of her intention to terminate his employment with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office. Clinton Ferguson was arrested by the Gainesville Police Department on February 3, 2017, for child abuse. On June 27, 2017, the Eighth Judicial Circuit filed No Information with the court, thereby dismissing the charges.

Clinton Ferguson's employment with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office was terminated on July 14, 2017 after a Loudermill Hearing, which is a due process requirement. The Sheriff's decision was based upon an investigation completed by the Office of Professional Standards, in which a charge of Criminal Conduct was sustained.

The Career Service Act for employees of the Alachua County Sheriff's Office provides a mechanism for the employee to appeal a termination. Mr. Ferguson requested a Career Service Appeals Board, and that Board met today. The Board voted 3-2 to overturn the Sheriff's decision to terminate and reinstated Mr. Ferguson as an employee. Mr. Ferguson will serve a five-day disciplinary suspension and will be under disciplinary probation for twelve months.

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