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FCSO Now Offers Security for Realtors during Property Showing

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) will now offer security for realtors who feel unsafe when showing property to prospective renters and/or buyers. Realtors who feel uneasy about showing a property at night or to someone they do not know can now contact FCSO and request a deputy to accompany them.

Flagler County has not seen a realtor related crime since 2003 when Richard Pete was arrested and charged with robbery, kidnapping, and grand theft after robbing a realtor and locking her in a closet after requesting a tour of a residence she had listed for sale.

"We want Flagler County to be the safest place to live, visit, and work in Florida. Offering this service is just another way that we are working to keep our citizens safe," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "Realtors come into contact with strangers every day, sometimes at night, and usually by themselves. If you feel uneasy about showing a home to someone or you feel like someone is acting suspiciously, call us and we will be there."

Currently, FCSO holds a monthly Realtor Watch meeting with the Community Outreach Division. During this meeting, FCSO provides realtors with valuable safety tips and precautions to take before meeting a potential client or showing commercial and residential properties.

For more information on upcoming Realtor Watch meetings, please contact Community Outreach at communityoutreach@flaglersheriff.com or call 386-586-2623. To request a deputy for a property showing, please call the FCSO Non-Emergency number at 386-313-4911. Please understand that priority calls take precedence and FCSO response may be delayed to a realtor stand-by. Also, COP's may respond in lieu of a deputy sheriff.

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