

## STATEMENT

Commissioners, it has become necessary for me to address certain events and issues that have gone on over the past several months. It is unfortunate that we are at a point that the County cannot move forward with the business of serving our citizens, and acting in the best interests of the County as a whole, because every day we come under attack from people with self-serving motives.

I am not so naïve as to believe that the fight Suzanne Harris wants to engage in is close to being over. But today, I choose to no longer endure the lies; threats; attacks; and attempted extortion directed to both me and those closest to me. I will no longer sit idly with my hands tied behind my back.

Last year, I attempted to reach out to Ms. Harris. As a Commissioner, and a member of the TDC, I felt reaching out to Ms. Harris and attempting to assist her, as a concerned citizen, would benefit the County as a whole. I can now admit, I was wrong and that was a mistake. While Ms. Harris may claim to be acting as a "citizen advocate", I can assure you, she is nothing more than a person motivated by her own selfish desires for power and profit.

When I reached out in the spirit of cooperation, I soon learned that "cooperation" to Ms. Harris is doing exactly what she says. Obedience is what she expected, and when I was not obedient to serving her whims, she began her string of attacks on me. And the vendetta she holds with me has extended to seemingly any and everyone associated with me.

Of course, no one knows this side of the story. Ms. Harris sued the County, and as is the long-standing County policy, we do not comment on pending litigation, or discuss those matters with the person suing us. Ms. Harris does not have that same limitation. She has used the press at every opportunity to discredit and attack myself, this Board, and numerous other individuals, especially anyone associated with me. So tonight, let me give you the truth Ms. Harris does not want spoken.

In November of last year, she asked me to come to Edgewater Condominium to meet with her. The topic was a lawsuit she intended to file against the County regarding the now infamous Chat Holley transaction. At this meeting, Ms. Harris

laid out what she wanted in order to avoid the lawsuit being filed against the County. I have prepared and signed a statement that includes what occurred, and what she said. Allow me to read that at this time.

I have no doubt Ms. Harris will either dispute these events, attack my credibility, or even make up various other events to try to avoid the positions she took that night. For that reason, I voluntarily submitted to a polygraph test, commonly known as a lie detector, on the truth of what is contained in this statement. The examiner is a former special agent with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, with over 33 years of experience, and an impeccable reputation. His opinion, contained in this report, is that I was truthful in giving this statement. A copy of this report is here and available to anyone who is interested in the truth.

I intend to pursue all legal remedies available to me for these acts, and will turn this information over to the Office of the State Attorney.

And so that everyone is clear, Ms. Harris still has the same motivations and goals as she did on that night. She now, through her attorney, Matt Gaetz, offered Walton County a settlement agreement regarding all of her pending litigation.

It is now, and has always been, about how Ms. Harris can profit from her claims against the County. As long as we pay her, pay her attorneys' fees, and simply concede she was right, she will go away until she sees another opportunity to get paid. In Ms. Harris' alleged quest to do away with what she calls corruption and misuse of public money, she has done nothing more than cost this County numerous man hours and tax dollars in responding to her. For someone with these alleged noble goals, her methods and tactics demonstrate a far different goal. It is the height of hypocrisy for her to maintain these positions.

And she has shown she is willing to go to great lengths to manipulate members of this Board, our County Administrator, and anyone else who she feels can be used to accomplish her goals.

Our own administrator, Greg Kisela, admitted, under oath, in court, that while we were in litigation with Ms. Harris, he went to her home and place of work, on a Saturday to meet with her. The topic of this meeting - to discuss the County Attorney selection process. Of course, Ms. Harris has an interest in who

represents the County, because that person is the one who will ultimately be responsible for standing up to her in court. Mr. Kisela, however, ignored these obvious motivations when she summoned him to her office and discussed this topic. To that I say he has obviously decided that he doesn't work for this Board, and would rather play politics and games with Ms. Harris. That is unacceptable for the County Administrator.

So for the last five months, I have been in a position where myself and those closest to me have been under constant attack and criticism from Ms. Harris and her little footsoldiers who believe everything she says as though it were the gospel. She has even reached out to members of this Board to try to further enlist them into her campaign to eliminate anyone who does not share her views and who opposes her quest to profit off the County.

To those people, especially the members of this Board, allow me to say, I tried to work with her, and rest assured, no one works with Ms. Harris. You either do as she wants, or she goes after you in every way possible, without regard for the truth, ethics, or moral integrity.

Under these circumstances – the repeated harassment from Ms. Harris and her followers; the attempted extortion by Ms. Harris; and her attacks on those close to me – I have not handled myself in a way befitting of someone elected to serve the people of Walton County. My behavior, at times erratic, and things I have said and done are unacceptable, and I truly regret those. To anyone whom I have insulted, offended, or caused problems, I sincerely apologize. The stress and pressure I was under is not an excuse.

I ran for office at 23 years of age, and had goals and projects that I believed to be in the best interests of the people of this County. Thanks to people like Ms. Harris, no such project is safe from undue criticism. Look at the Chat Holley transaction – no one wants to accept or hear that the intersection improvements at that location are necessary and a benefit to the public. Not only did DOT repeatedly request these improvements for public safety, the improvements were fully coordinated with and consented to by DOT.

Instead, everyone wants to focus on Ms. Harris' conspiracy theories. And today, where is that conspiracy theory? Ms. Harris didn't seem too concerned

about the outcome of the Chat Holly transaction in her settlement offer. And how about her allegations against people like Lloyd Blue? She decided, in the face of sanctions and attorneys' fees for filing a frivolous law suit, to dismiss all of her claims against him. As it turns out, there were no conspiracies, just Ms. Harris' desire to profit from the County and control the County.

With that said, I hereby announce that I will not be seeking re-election to a third term of this office. It is important to me that I complete what I have started. So, instead of managing a campaign for the next seven months, I intend to refocus my efforts into completing the projects that I have ongoing with the County, and to helping build a more solid future for this County.

Official Statement by Chairman Scott A. Brannon

Made and Read April 10, 2012.

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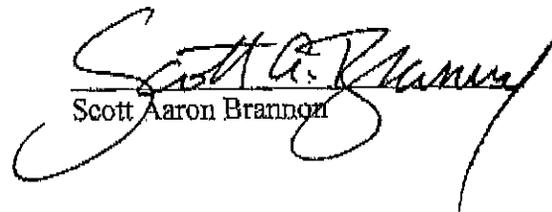
I, Scott Aaron Brannon, hereby state that the following statements herein are complete, true, and accurate.

I met with Suzanne Harris prior to her filing suit against Walton County regarding land commonly known as Chat Holley. During this conversation, Ms. Harris told me several possible ways in which a lawsuit could be avoided.

First, Ms. Harris said that she could file suit against the county, and I could then make a motion at a Board of County Commissioners' meeting where I would agree with the allegations of her lawsuit and say "that I(Suzanne) am right" and to the payment of her attorney fees. She also said, I would have to make a motion to assure that attorney George Ralph Miller never work for the County again, and that Lloyd Blue would be required to give back all the money he received in the Chat Holley transaction.

Second, Ms. Harris said she could file suit against the county, and she would then only depose former County Administrator Lyle Seigler about his role in the process, since he did not participate/contribute in the Carr-Allison report. She explained this was her way of getting to Lloyd Blue's involvement in the Chat Holley transaction. The County would still demand Lloyd Blue return the money he received in the Chat Holley transaction to the county.

Lastly, Ms. Harris stated, "or, [w]hat if Lloyd found out my son had \$50,000.00 in student loans from law school, and for \$50,000.00 this all goes away." Then she said something like who would be the best person to deliver that message to him(Lloyd).

  
Scott Aaron Brannon

**PANHANDLE POLYGRAPH**

THE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH

TIMOTHY S. ROBINSON

A POLYGRAPH EXAMINER AND INVESTIGATOR

April 9, 2012

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Dear Mr. Adkinson,

On Thursday, April 5, 2012, Scott Aaron Brannon, W/M, and DOB 02/23/81 was administered a polygraph examination by Retired Special Agent Timothy Robinson of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement... The test was to establish the veracity of Mr. Brannon's allegation that certain statement (s) were made by Ms. Suzanne Harris regarding Walton County's purchase of a piece of property commonly know as "Chat Holley". Mr. Brannon indicated that the meeting transpired in November 2011 and Ms. Harris was explaining how Walton County could avoid a lawsuit that she was threatening to file.

Prior to the Examination, Examiner Robinson requested and received a "Statement" regarding the salient points of the alleged conversation. Examiner Robinson went over each line and paragraph contained in the statement. Prior to testing, Examiner Robinson had Mr. Brannon sign and date the document of allegations.

**EXAMINATION**

Prior to the specific polygraph examination (Zone) I administered an "Acquaintance Test". This exam is to insure that the examinee is familiar with polygraph in general and to assist the Examiner with the establishment of a baseline for comparison purposes. It orientates the subject to polygraph in general and assist the examiner with adjustment to assure a quality test.

Examiner Robinson utilized the following relevant question on the three chart polygraph examination:

A) Is the statement you authored the entire truth?

Answer: Yes

B) Are the statements of "facts", contained in your statement, the entire truth?

Answer: Yes

C) Are you telling the entire truth as to the conversation you had with Suzanne Harris.

Answer: Yes

Note: Attached is a copy of the Statement utilized during the exam.

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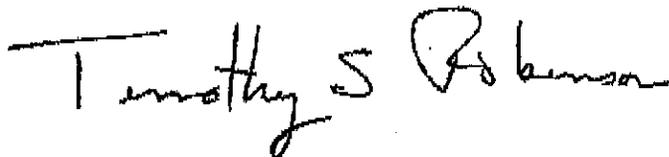
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## PANHANDLE POLYGRAPH

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**CONCLUSION**

After interviewing and administering the examination to Mr. Scott Aaron Brannon; It is Examiner Robinson's opinion that he (Brannon) is being non-deceptive (truthful). It is the Examiner further opinion that Mr. Brannon is telling you the truth regarding the November 2011 meeting with Ms. Harris. It is Examiner Robinson's opinion that Harris did in fact tell Mr. Brannon how the County could avoid a law suit over the Chat Holley property.



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#### VITAE

Let me introduce myself by providing you with my background as Polygraph Examiner. I retired as the Chief Polygraph Examiner for the Florida Department of Law Enforcement on October 31, 2003. As the Chief Examiner I was to insure that each Examiner for the Department of Law Enforcement adhered to the Departmental Policies as well as the American Polygraph Association by laws. I served in that capacity from January 2000 thru October 2003.

I was administering polygraph Examinations for the Department of Law Enforcement from March 1993 until October 2003. Since retirement I have continued to serve the Department as well as various criminal Justice Agencies but my primary consumers have been private Defense Attorneys in the Florida Panhandle region as a private consultant/employee.

I graduated in March 1993 from Argenbright International Institute of Polygraph, Atlanta, Georgia after successfully completing all requirements of the professional polygraph examiner-training course, a 320-hour program of instruction. The course was approved by the Georgia Board of Polygraph Examiners and other State Licensing Boards of the United States and accredited by the American Polygraph Association.

I spent one year (conducting approximately two hundred exams) as an intern under the former Department of Law Enforcement Polygraph Examiner, Special Agent Ray Fredrick's. After Internship I spent the next eleven (11) years administering Polygraph exams while assigned to the Violent Crimes Squad and the Domestic Terrorist Squad in the Tallahassee Operations Center.

As a Special Agent my primary area of responsibility was Polygraph for the Northern Portion of the State of Florida (Pensacola to Lake City) and as such I conducted approximately one thousand exams. During my tenure I conducted Approximately twenty (20) Stipulated Exams and was certified as an Expert Witness in the Second Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida.

I have maintained my certification with the Florida Polygraph Association through training and reading current publications on the subject of Polygraph. I currently hold a special certification for Sex Offender Treatment and Monitoring Programs (certificate number 624) and Certified Polygraphist (certificate number 211) through the Florida Polygraph Association.

#### HISTORICAL

I came from within the ranks of my organization, starting as a Duty Officer and making Special

Agent in November 1971. My first assignment was a field representative responsible for collecting **Uniform Crime Reports** in the Orlando Regional Office. Ultimately I was placed into a grant position in the mid-70's and spent three (3) years working **White Collar Crime**.

Prior to the grant ending, I went to the **Narcotic Squad** and remained in Orlando until the Department started expanding the Pensacola Office. I spent several years in Pensacola, working general investigations.

I returned to Tallahassee in 1986 and was assigned to the **F.D.L.E. Academy**. My primary responsibilities were the new agents, in-service, firearms and also the statewide coordinator for the Departments fitness assessments of new hires and in-house agent personnel.

In 1990, I was re-assigned to the Tallahassee Operations Bureau, where I spent the next three- (3) years working a joint (United States Customs, Drug Enforcement Administration and F.D.L.E.) international air smuggling investigation in the Pensacola, Florida area.

#### Formal Education

Georgia Military College-Milledgeville, Georgia- June 1965 to August 1967  
 Tallahassee Community College-Tallahassee, Florida-September 1967 to August 1968  
 Florida State University-Tallahassee, Florida- September 1968-June 1970-B.S.degree Criminology

#### Polygraph Training Seminars

March 1993-Basic Polygraph School-nine weeks- Argenbright International Institute of Polygraph.  
 March 1993-December 1993-Internship at Florida Department of Law Enforcement  
 November 1993-Department of Defense-Anniston, Alabama-forty hours -topic-Computerized Polygraph  
 July 1994-American Polygraph Association Annual Seminar -forty hours-Nashville, Tennessee  
 June 1995-Department of Defense-Anniston, Alabama-forty hours-topic-Criminal Relevant/Irrelevant Procedures.  
 February 1996 -Florida Polygraph Association -Orlando, Florida-sixteen (16) hours- Testing Procedures.  
 July 1996-American Polygraph Association Annual Seminar-forty (40) hours-New Orleans, Louisiana  
 August 1997-Argenbright International Institute-forty (40) hours-topic Polygraph Monitoring of Sex Offenders.  
 August 1998 -Department of Defense-Anniston, Alabama -forty (40) hours-topic-Linguistics Analysis  
 August 1999-American Polygraph Association Annual Seminar-forty (40) hours-Dallas, Texas.  
 September 1999-Florida Department of Law Enforcement-twenty four (24) hours-topic-Reid Technique of Interview.  
 December 1999-Florida Polygraph Association-St. Pete Beach, Florida-sixteen (16) hours-topic Advanced Polygraph Techniques.  
 June 2000-Florida Polygraph Association-Tallahassee, Florida-sixteen (16) hours-topic Advanced Polygraph Techniques.  
 June 2001-Florida Polygraph Association-Tampa, Florida-sixteen (16) hours-topic Advanced Polygraph Techniques.  
 June 2002-Florida Polygraph Association -Pompano Beach, Florida-sixteen (16) hours-topic-Advanced Polygraph Techniques  
 November 2002-Florida Polygraph Association-Cape Canaveral, Florida-sixteen (16) hours-topic -Advanced Polygraph Techniques.  
 May 2003-Florida Polygraph Association-Jacksonville Beach, Florida-sixteen (16) hours-Advanced Polygraph Techniques.  
 December 2004-Florida Polygraph Association-Lake Mary, Florida-sixteen (16) hours-Advanced Polygraph Techniques.

December 2005-Florida Polygraph Association-Mt. Dora, Florida -sixteen(16)hours-Advanced Polygraph  
December 2006-Florida Polygraph Association-Destin, Florida-sixteen(16)hours-Advanced Polygraph.  
December 2007-Florida Polygraph Association-Lake Mary, Florida-sixteen(16)hours-Advanced Polygraph  
June 2010-Florida Polygraph Association-renewed certification (certificate 211) until 2011