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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH INFORMATION

(PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO ALL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PARTICIPANTS)

TO: ALL NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH PARTICIPANTS

FROM: DEP. COURTNEY SPRIGGS

SUBJECT: FCSO PROCEDURE FOR SUBDIVISION SWIMMING POOLS

DATE: 04-29-10

With this weekend marking the opening day of many subdivision's community pools, we'd like to make sure everyone is aware of our procedures regarding Criminal Trespass at a pool or common area and issue a reminder that we are not able to enforce HOA covenants, only state laws and county ordinances.

If deputies are called to a "person trespassing" at a neighborhood community pool, they will verify that the person is a resident of the subdivision or a guest of a resident. We cannot force residents who have unpaid HOA dues or otherwise violated HOA covenants to leave.

If the person *is not* a resident or guest, he or she will be told to leave and given a verbal criminal trespass warning. Deputies will complete an incident report and it will be the responsibility of the HOA or complainant (person who called) to send a certified letter to the trespasser notifying them that they are not allowed at the pool/common area. The person sending the letter will need to retain the card from the Post Office stating that the trespasser received the warning letter. If the trespasser returns and these requirements are met, the trespasser will be charged with Criminal Trespass (OCGA 16-7-21) and removed from the property.

Please remember to report *all* suspicious activity and persons by calling 911 or non-emergency dispatch at (770) 781-3087.

Thank you for your help keeping our community safe!

Deputy Courtney Beal Spriggs

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