



SEMINOLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS DIVISION
Professional Conduct Review**

Administrative Investigation

DATE: June 28, 2001
SUBJECT: Sergeant M. Jay Laney
COMPLAINANT: Sheriff Donald F. Eslinger
CASE NUMBER: PC-01-0051

ALLEGED VIOLATION

On June 11, 2001, Sheriff Donald F. Eslinger authorized an administrative investigation of possible misconduct on the part of Sergeant M. Jay Laney. The alleged violation is as follows:

General Order #1, IX.A. Conduct Unbecoming, to wit: conduct that violates the values and organizational philosophy of the Sheriff's Office, canons of ethics, written directives, or that which brings the agency into disrepute or reflects discredit upon the individual as an employee.

DETAILS

On or about January 19, 2000, Agent M. Jay Laney of the City/County Investigative Bureau assumed the responsibilities as a case agent for an undercover investigation [North Star/South Star] involving Rachel's World Class Men's Club. While working in an undercover capacity, Laney developed information that led to the arrest of numerous individuals. One of those individuals, Jennifer Lethig, was arrested on July 21, 2000, on charges of prostitution and adult entertainment violations (Section III).

On August 25, 2000, Lethig pled nolo contendere to one count of prostitution. This charge resulted from Lethig allowing Laney, and at least one other agent, to watch her perform sex acts on another female in exchange for monetary compensation. Lethig also agreed to cooperate with the investigation and prosecution of other individuals identified during the investigation.

