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FORT PIERCE
POLICE DEPARTMENT
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Florida

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Ms. Peggy Arraiz
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Ms. Arraiz,

Although, we are proud to announce a 22% reduction in crime within the city limits of Fort Pierce, we understand the importance of using new strategies to improve the overall quality of life for our citizens. It goes without saying, that one of the many challenges that cities and counties face across this nation is the blight and decay of dilapidated housing, which visually reduces and undervalues our neighborhoods.

Other important facts to consider is that these areas are a beacon for criminal activity to take place within and around the immediate borders of these locations. What you and I see as an esthetically displeasing hazard, criminals see as a safe haven in which to conduct and expand their illegal enterprise. Within the confines of these walls are a host of illegal activities taking place, crimes such as; illicit drug use, illegal narcotics being sold, prostitution and a sanctuary for criminals who have outstanding warrants. They can also be a hazard for law enforcement officers who are in fresh pursuit and have to enter this abyss of decay to apprehend a fleeing criminal.

However, we continue to work to improve the over-all quality of life and safety for our citizens. The Fort Pierce Police Department supports the proposed ordinance for the Clean Community Program. This ordinance will help reinvigorate our neighborhoods, while simultaneously aid in removing criminal heavens.

Respectfully submitted,

Deputy Chief K. Norris
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