

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

On August 8, 2025, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), Office of Executive Investigations (OEI), Public Corruption Unit (PCU) received an allegation from Deerfield Beach City Manager Rodney Brimlow that Broward County Sheriff Gregory Tony may have threatened to do physical harm to Brimlow during a meeting with Broward County Sheriff's Office (BSO) law enforcement officers and firefighters. This report is predicated on documenting the review of the allegation.

On August 8, 2025, FDLE, OEI, PCU Special Agent Supervisor (SAS) Troy Cope was requested to contact Brimlow to determine what information he was provided that made him believe he was threatened by Sheriff Tony. SAS Cope was advised that Sheriff Tony may have made a solicitation to law enforcement officer/firefighters to pay the individual that "takes out" Brimlow \$1,000,000.00, and that Brimlow felt his personal safety was threatened.

SAS Cope contacted Brimlow who advised on the following evening (08/07/2025), there was a "Roll Call" meeting that included BSO law enforcement and firefighter personnel. During the meeting Sheriff Tony allegedly made remarks to the attendees that if he saw Brimlow in the parking lot he would "run him over" in his car. Brimlow was also advised there was a mention raising a \$1,000,000.00 but could not provide further detail. Brimlow indicated there was a current contract negotiation between the City of Deerfield Beach and BSO regarding law enforcement and fire services, which they had not been able to come to an agreement yet. Brimlow was notified of these remarks by some of the BSO law enforcement officers and firefighters who attended the meeting, and had heard the meeting was possibly recorded.

Subsequently, SAS Cope was requested to contact BSO Undersheriff Nichole Armstrong, who could provide a copy of the recording of the "Roll Call" meeting from the previous night. SAS Cope contacted Undersheriff Armstrong who provided a link via email for SAS Cope to download the meeting.

SAS Cope downloaded the audio/video file and reviewed Sheriff Tony's comments. Sheriff Tony advised the attendees that he wanted to update them on the current negotiations with the various cities that contract with BSO for services. Sheriff Tony indicated Deerfield Beach was the "last at the table" holding up the process. Sheriff Tony stated Brimlow was a former BSO member in his command staff but was now trying to prevent BSO members from getting the raises they deserve.

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Description:Alleged Threats against Deerfield Beach City Manager Rodney Brimlow

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Sheriff Tony advised he was not going to let one individual stand in the way and would raise \$1,000,000.00 to get the message out against Brimlow. Sheriff Tony indicated members who work in Deerfield Beach should not be loyal to Brimlow and advised them that they would have to get involved and be vocal to put pressure on Brimlow, the Mayor, the Vice Mayor, and City Council. Sheriff Tony also requested the unions to get involved and put pressure on the politicians. Sheriff Tony utilized crass language during the meeting in referring to Brimlow and made statements such as, "You tell me why if I should go absolutely nuclear on him and destroy him", "Let him know I'm coming for him", and that he and BSO was "Going to war together."

SAS Cope's review of the meeting in its entirety revealed that Sheriff Tony did not make any direct overt threat to the personal safety of Brimlow. Sheriff Tony's rhetoric was directed in a political manner to get members involved in putting pressure on the decision makers on the contract negotiations. SAS Cope requested FDLE Regional Legal Advisor Lauren Gonzalez to review the recording; she concurred with SAS Cope's assessment.

No criminal predicate exists at this time for FDLE to initiate a criminal investigation.

The recording will be maintained in the Related Items section of the case file, labeled INV-30.