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*Rick*

Mr. Outzen,

Escambia County Commissioners recently received a letter from Douglas Underhill regarding a public records request pertaining to the Perdido Key Name Change Resolution. This letter was published on *Rick's Blog* dated July 9, 2013.

The letter from Mr. Underhill states that a series of emails titled "Test" were sent between Escambia County employee, Wendy Eacret, and Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) employees as "a conscious effort to subvert the process in place for public records requests."

Ms. Eacret sent two separate emails to FDOT employee, Brian Pettis, on September 11 and September 12, 2012, to which she followed up with Mr. Pettis via telephone to confirm receipt of the emails. During the telephone conversation, Mr. Pettis verbally stated to Ms. Eacret that he had not received her emails. Mr. Pettis then originated the "Test" subject line email, resulting in the email trail from September 11 to September 27, 2012, as a way to merely provide Ms. Eacret accurate contact information.

Escambia County understands the transparency of Sunshine Law and did not title the email "Test" to "prevent it from showing up in a public records request search" as Mr. Underhill claimed.

Please contact me should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Regards,

*Larry M. Newsom*

Larry Newsom, Assistant County Administrator

cc: Alison Rogers, County Attorney