## Offender Survey: Port St. Lucie Police Department 2014

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Hello, this is Officer \_\_\_\_\_\_ and my name is Lt. \_\_\_\_\_. I'm a supervisor at the Port St. Lucie Police Department. We've implemented a new program over the last year that seeks to work with repeat offenders and I'd like to interview you so get your impressions of our program and how you think we are doing. I know that Det. \_\_\_\_\_\_ and Det. \_\_\_\_\_\_ have been checking out on you over the last several months, and I'd like to ask you about your interaction with them and some other general questions.

This interview is voluntary and there is no obligation to participate. Your answers will be kept confidential and will not be identified by name, rather we are trying to learn more about what groups of people think about the program. There are no "right" or "wrong" answers, we are only interested in your opinions. If you do not feel comfortable at any time, we can stop this interview. This will only take about 15 minutes. Is it okay if I ask you a few questions?

If you would like a copy of this letter for your records, please let me know, and I will email it to you. If you have any questions regarding the research, you can contact the lead researcher, Dr. \_\_\_\_\_\_ at [email] or me at [email] or [phone number]. If you have any questions regarding your rights as a research subject, please contact the [University's Office of Sponsored Research] at [phone]. Thank you again for your help.

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## Survey

- 1. How many times have Detective \_\_\_\_\_ and Detective \_\_\_\_\_ contacted you in the last several months? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Do you know why they were talking to you?
  - Yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - 🗆 No
- 3. How do you feel about how the detectives have interacted with you in their contacts?
- 4. Have they treated you (and your parents/family) with respect?

  - No, Explain: \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Did the contact with the detectives make you think twice about committing any new crimes?
  - □ Yes
  - 🗆 No
- 6. Did the contact with the detectives make you stop associating with people you thought would get you in trouble?
  - □ Yes
  - □ No
- 7. Did the contact with the detectives make you follow the terms of your probation/supervision more closely?
  - □ Yes
  - 🗆 No
- 8. For the crimes (burglary, drug sales) you were arrested for or committed before participating in this program, did you ever commit one near where you lived (e.g., within a few blocks)?
  - □ Yes
  - 🗆 No

8a. If yes, do you think the interactions with the detectives would have stopped you from committing crime near where you lived at that time?

- □ Yes, Why? \_\_\_\_\_
- □ No, Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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- 9. Do you think the interactions with the detectives has stopped you from committing less crime than you would have otherwise?
  - Yes, Why?
  - □ No, Why?
- 10. Have you discussed the interactions with the detectives with anyone else (friends, family, probation officer, etc.)?
  - Yes, Who? \_\_\_\_\_\_
  - 🗆 No
- 11. How often are you supposed to report to your probation/parole officer?
- 12. Have you been going more often in the last several months?

  - □ No

12a. If Yes, do you think it was because of the program?

- Yes, What aspect of the program affected you the most? \_\_\_\_\_
- □ No
- 13. Have you noticed more officers (other than the detectives) in your neighborhood in the last several months?

  - 🗆 No
- 14. How many times have you had contact with other officers in the last several months in your neighborhood?
- 15.In other areas of PSL or cities?
- 16. How long have you lived in PSL? \_\_\_\_\_
- 17. How long have you lived at this address (one listed above)?
- 18. Where else have you lived in the last three years besides PSL?
- 19. Do you have a girlfriend or wife? Boyfriend or husband?
  - □ Yes
  - □ No

20. Do you have any children?

- 🗆 No

21.1s your relationship with your family better now than a year ago?

- Yes, how is it better?
- □ No

22.Do you have a job?

- □ No

23. How long have you been working there?

24. What did you do before that job?

- □ Worked at another place
- Did not work
- □ In jail/prison
- □ Other\_\_\_\_\_

25. Has your work situation gotten better over the last year?

- □ Yes, how?
- 🗆 No
- 26. Is there anything else you want to tell us about the program and your interactions with the detectives?

## Thank you for your time and cooperation.