



SHERIFF DAVID HARPER MADISON COUNTY

Statement of Purpose for Collection of Social Security Numbers

MCSO Case #: _____

Social security numbers were originally intended solely for the administration of the Social Security System but have become widely used for a variety of other purposes, including identity verification. Unfortunately, they have been used as a tool to perpetuate fraud and identity theft.

The Madison County Sheriff's Office collects social security numbers for various purposes. All social security numbers collected by the Sheriff's Office are confidential and exempt from Florida's public records act. Pursuant to section 119.071(5)(a), Florida Statutes, a public agency in Florida may request a social security number from an individual only when it is specifically authorized by law to do so, or when the collection is imperative for the performance of that agency's duties and responsibilities as prescribed by law. These numbers may be disclosed to another law enforcement agency or governmental entity if disclosure is necessary for the receiving agency or entity to perform its duties and responsibilities.

The Sheriff's Office collects social security numbers under certain circumstances, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Employment applications.
2. Arrested individuals.
3. Individuals who are Booked into the jail.
4. Individuals required by law to register with the Sheriff's Office and required to provide social security numbers as identification.
5. Citizen contacts during a consensual field interview.
6. Traffic stops and the deputy needs to verify the identity of the driver and any other individuals present in the vehicle.
7. Traffic citations are issued.

Social security numbers will be used for identity verification and even though providing the social security number is optional, its use is imperative for the Sheriff's Office to fulfill its lawful duties and responsibilities as prescribed by law.

I acknowledge that the Madison County Sheriff's Office has provided me with a copy of this written statement.

Printed Name

Signature

Date