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April 14, 2014

Nathan Freed Wessler

ACLU Foundation

125 Broad St., 10th Fl.

New York, NY 10004

Mr. Wessler,

We have received your public records request dated March 19, 2014, concerning site simulators. Enclosed are:

- FDLE ESST agreement 7 pages
  - Redacted per Florida Statute 119.071(2)(d)

We have no other records responsive to your request.

Thank you,

  
Christopher Brown  
Chris Brown  
Hunters  
Seminole County Sheriff's Office  
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Rick Scott, Governor  
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January 28, 2012

April Kirschman  
Seminole County Sheriff's Office  
100 Bushnell Street  
Sanford, FL 32773

RE: Electronic Surveillance Support Team Mutual Aid Agreement

Dear Ms. Kirsheman:

I am enclosing a copy of our latest ESST Mutual Aid Agreement for the period of June 30, 2012; the ~~beginning of July 1, 2012~~. The latest agreement will remain in effect through December 31, 2013, unless

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

FDLE looks forward to working with you and Sheriff Kirschman to continue our partnership in ESST.

Sincerely,

David H. Margolis  
Regional Legal Advisor

ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE SUPPORT TEAM  
MULTI-AGENCY VOLUNTARY COOPERATION  
MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

**Electronic Surveillance Support Team Mutual Aid Agreement**

This Mutual Aid Agreement ("MAA") is made and entered into by and between the Florida Department of Law Enforcement ("FDLE"), and [REDACTED] ("Agencies"), a voluntary cooperation agreement pursuant to the Florida Statute, Chapter 119, section 119.071, et seq., and the respective policies and procedures of the Agencies, for the joint use of electronic equipment in criminal investigations in Florida. The parties agree to make the most efficient use of their powers and resources in certain criminal cases which may require specialized expertise and have the potential to cross jurisdictional lines, through coordination, and sharing of specialized technical resources and expertise of the Agencies. The Agencies agree to carry out their respective duties in accordance with the law, policies, and procedures, and in consideration of the mutual interests and understandings herein expressed:

1. FDLE and each agency party to this agreement shall execute the Addendum A page attached hereto as Addendum A, which contains specific information concerning the geographic scope of this agreement, identification of the agency party entering into this agreement, and other particular information all of which is incorporated herein as though fully set out in the text of the main agreement.

2. FDLE and each agency party to this agreement shall provide electronic assets including but not limited to [REDACTED]

3. Technical assistance is necessary for the deployment of these technical assets, and certain requests for ESS services may require more resources, specially trained personnel or advanced technical equipment than a single agency can provide.

4. This MAA is intended to facilitate the deployment of FDLE Electronic Surveillance units in the state of Florida. FDLE units will be deployed and operated by FDLE personnel and operate them anywhere in Florida upon request by any law enforcement agency within the state; however, it is understood that such teams will normally operate within geographically areas that comprise one or two FDLE Operational Centers/Regions. These "standard" operational areas for the teams are set forth in Addendum A.

5. Each agency party to this MAA agrees to provide ESS support upon request within their "standard operational area" as set forth in Addendum A, and may provide assistance elsewhere in the state contingent upon availability and approval of their agency.
6. Nothing contained in this MAA is intended to prevent personnel from performing their regular duties as assigned by their respective agency.
7. Each party agrees that all unit members assigned to the ESS unit will undergo training on the deployment and lawful use of the ESS equipment before utilizing it in the field.

8. Jurisdiction

- 8.1. When engaged in ESST operations that have been approved by and issued by FDLE as contemplated by this MAA, ESST members who do not otherwise have jurisdictional authority shall have full jurisdictional authority within the State of Florida, although principally focused within their "standard operational area" as set forth in Addendum A, with full power to enforce Florida laws and to avail themselves of the provision of this Agreement.
  - 8.2. Officers assigned to ESST operations pursuant to this MAA shall be empowered to render law enforcement assistance and make law enforcement arrests in accordance with the provisions of this MAA.
  - 8.3. Mutual cooperation and continued participation by both and each agency AF shall constitute a general reciprocal, continuing and ready agreement between the members of the Team that shall be considered a legal authorization in accordance with the provisions of this MAA. No additional or specific formal request for assistance is required.
  - 8.4. ESST members operating outside their agency's jurisdiction shall not enjoy extra jurisdictional authority as law enforcement officers unless engaged in approved ESST activities as stated herein.
  - 8.5. Pursuant to Section 98.107(1) Florida Statute, members of FDLE and other parties to this agreement participating in the ESST shall, when engaging in authorized mutual cooperation and assistance pursuant to this MAA, have the same powers, duties, rights, privileges and immunities as the employees of the employing agency inside the law enforcement jurisdictional area of the FDLE.
  - 8.6. Activities of FDLE personnel herein by an FDLE supervisor or command designee. If at any time a supervisor or command designee determines that the continued participation in this MAA should be terminated, such supervisor or designee shall immediately communicate the safety of all personnel involved.
  - 8.7. No ESST member shall engage in activities outside her agency, except as authorized by FDLE. Any such activity must be documented as provided herein. The ESST coordinator or designee shall maintain activity logs that will demonstrate the achievement of specific employees or agents provided by the Party Agencies under this MAA, including each individual supervisor or designated leader. Specific authority to do so shall be approved from both FDLE and the respective Party Agency supervisory personnel shall be obtained. FDLE personnel will be acting with FDLE outside of their "standard operational area" upon inspection of task force operation and records.
  - 8.8. Whenever an operation occurs outside of a team's "standard operational area" as set forth in Addendum A, the CO or the FDLE liaison to the team shall be notified about the presence of the ESST personnel in his/her jurisdiction.
  - 8.9. Nothing herein shall otherwise limit the jurisdiction and powers normally possessed by an employee of a Party Agency.
9. Each party agency shall ensure all unit members (participating in the ESST team) shall comply with all applicable FDLE rules and regulations. Party Agency policy and procedures shall govern such members. If there is a conflict in such conflict regarding rules, standards, policies or procedures such shall be promptly referred to the ESST coordinator.

designated FDLE and the respective agency shall attempt to resolve the conflict in a manner that will allow this MAA to continue in full effect.

10. Each party hereto agrees that all unit members assigned to any ESST team during ESST activities will remain under the supervision of FDLE and the respective agency. ESST unit members will for all other purposes remain members of their respective agency and not FDLE employees.
11. Each party hereto agrees that each will retain full responsibility for and payment of overtime (including overtime compensation or compensatory time), disability, worker's compensation benefits and any other employment benefits for the respective agency's members participating in an ESST team.
12. All ESST members are individually responsible for knowing and complying with all legal standards and requirements. Each party agrees that each party will assume its own liability and responsibility for the acts, omissions or conduct of its own employees while serving on an ESST team.
13. Each party agrees to maintain its own comprehensive general liability insurance, professional liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance to cover such party's liability assumed herein. However, to the extent that such coverage be less than the statutory waiver of sovereign immunity, each party agrees to provide the other party with a copy of the respective insurance required hereunder, including the endorsements thereto and renewals thereof. If the agent a party maintains a self-insurance, such party agrees to provide the other parties with documentation of the funding and maintenance of such self-insurance fund.
14. Each party hereto agrees that except as otherwise provided herein, each agency will furnish to its own employees the necessary property, equipment, uniforms, tools, vehicles, etc., in order to effect the purpose of this MAA. Each party will be responsible for any damage associated with the operation, maintenance, loss or damage to its own immediate vehicles or property so provided.
15. Each party agrees that the privileges and immunities from liability, exemption from laws, ordinances and rules and application of all pension, insurance, tenure, disability, worker's compensation, salary (including overtime compensation or compensatory time), death and other benefits that apply to the activity of an employee will, when performing the employee's duties shall apply to the employee when performing the employee acts under this MAA.
16. Each party hereto agrees that all unit members assigned to any ESST team will undergo background investigation. Members may be issued keys and/or access cards to limited areas within the FDLE facilities by FDLE, if approved by the FDLE Regional Special Agent in Charge, and that the unsworn ESST members will obey all FDLE screening security procedures. Each party agrees that its members other than unit members, may be escorted while inside FDLE.
17. This MAA shall become effective upon signature of the authorized representative of the parties, and shall remain in effect unless otherwise terminated until June 30, 2016. Any party may terminate (90) days written notice, the MAA for cause or for convenience.
18. This MAA represents the entire agreement between the parties. Any necessary alteration or amendment of the provisions of this MAA shall only be valid when made in writing and duly signed by authorized personnel of each of the parties and attached to the original.

19. This Agreement shall remain in full force as to the participating Parties until such time as it is earlier canceled in writing by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement or any individual Party as provided herein. However, if the ESST continues operations, it shall automatically extend on a month by month basis, not to exceed January 24, 2016, until such time as each party to this Agreement terminates its participation.
20. This Agreement may be duplicated, reproduced, or otherwise copied by either party, and such copies shall be of the same force and effect as the original execution of this Agreement. Any copy of this Agreement shall be maintained by the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the Office of Law Enforcement for the areas as specified in Addendum A attached hereto and made a part hereof. Under no circumstances may this agreement be renewed, amended, or extended except in writing. A copy of this agreement, with all signature pages, will be filed with the FDLE Mutual Aid Office pursuant to statute.

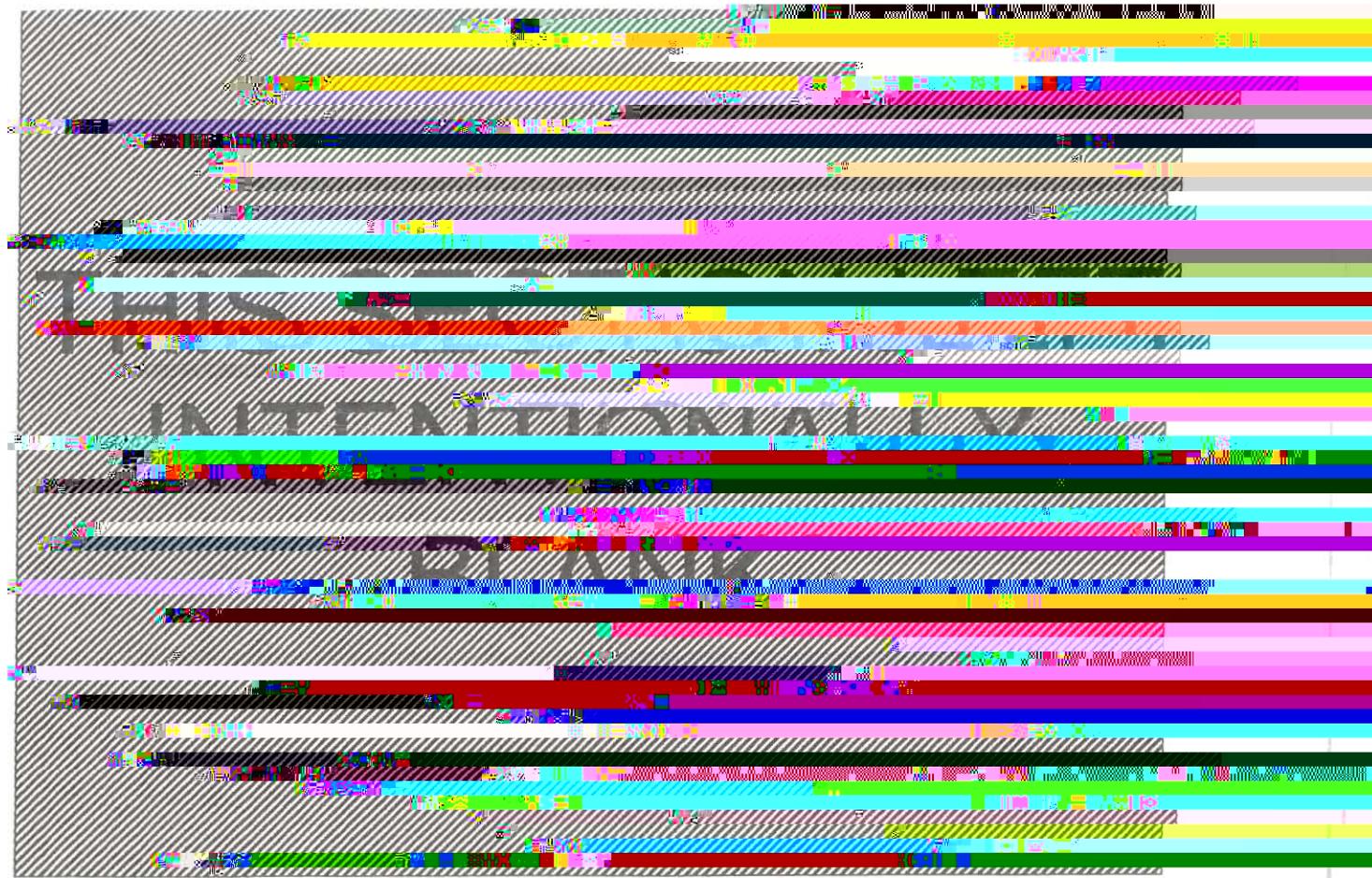
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Commissioner of FDLE has signed this Agreement as the authorized representative of the Agency Party.

*Mark L. Faxon*  
for  
General Counsel, Commissioner,  
Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Date signed: / /

Legal Review by:

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APPENDIX A

Party Agency's Acceptance of the Electronic Surveillance Team (EST) Vice Cooperation Mutual Aid Agreement

(Dated: 01/01/2014)

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2333, I, [REDACTED], an executive officer of the agency that is authorized to contract with the EST, do hereby accept, below, an EST Vice Cooperation Mutual Aid Agreement, dated January 1, 2014, along with this signature page and any further evidence of authorization.

**Team standard operations**  
Florida, upon request.

Agency Party: Seminole County Sheriff's Office



Agency Representative:

Legal Review: