



# Highlands County Sheriff's Office

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Mr. Frank Paul Jones  
Inmate, Highlands County Detention Facility

June 2, 2016

Dear Mr. Jones,

This is in reply to your letter (Criminal Complaint Kidnapping), dated May 25, 2016, to: *The Highlands County Police Department and the Postal Inspector*. After review of the Sheriff's Office reports, regarding your Baker Act and arrest, we learned the following:

On April 12, 2016, the Sheriff's Office was called to the Avon Park post office, in reference to a citizen who was yelling at post office employees. Before Deputy Adair arrived at the post office, he was advised of your name and the fact there was an active court order to take you into custody under an involuntary Baker Act, signed by Judge Cowden. The court order, ordered the Sheriff to deliver you to the Peace River receiving facility, located in Bartow, Florida. The Sheriff's Office report (HCSO16OFF003119) states that you were told by Deputy Adair, while still at the post office, you were not allowed back onto the Avon Park post office property, per the postmistress (Vickie Dunn).

On May 25, 2016, the Sheriff's Office was called to the Avon Park post office in reference to trespassing. Michael Flowers, a post office supervisor, told the dispatcher it was Frank Paul Jones trespassing. According to Deputy Ritenour's report (HCSO16OFF004459), when Deputy Ritenour arrived he saw you walking out of the post office. You verbally identified yourself to Deputy Ritenour; and Deputy Ritenour told you to turn around and to put your hands behind your back. Deputy Ritenour states you said "no" and started to walk away. You were subsequently arrested for trespass after warning and obstruction without violence.

The report indicates that per supervisor Flowers, you **did have** a post office box at the Avon Park post office; however, it has since **been closed** and your mail is being forwarded to your listed physical address on Avenue "A."

Mr. Jones, as to your request that the Sheriff's Office investigate your "Criminal Complaint Kidnapping" and "RICO Act Conspiracy", it has been reviewed, and your assertions are due to a misunderstanding of application of law and/or Sheriff's Office policy; therefore, a criminal investigation will not be conducted.

Mr. Jones, we suggest if you have any more questions relating to your Baker Act, arrest, trespass warning and/or your pending court case, you speak to your attorney about these matters.

Sincerely,

Mark C. Schrader  
Chief Deputy