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NEWS RELEASE

Detention Deputy arrested for illegal interception of communication

Seminole Co. Fla., (Jan. 27)-The Seminole County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) today announced the arrest of Michael Ryan, on three counts of illegal interception of communication, a third degree felony, for unlawfully recording telephone conversations.

The investigation began in December when Ryan, a field training supervisor at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility, disclosed to a Sheriff's Office lieutenant that he had recorded phone conversations during which he relieved two detention deputies from their collateral positions as field training deputies. Ryan said he recorded the conversations because he believed the detention deputies would complain about being separated from their field training duties.

Ryan was immediately placed on administrative leave. The investigation found that he had downloaded an app to record phone conversations on his Sheriff's Office issued phone and that he recorded calls with seven Sheriff's Office employees without their consent. All employees who were recorded were interviewed, and three of them desired to prosecute.

Ryan was booked into the John E. Polk Correctional Facility on a \$9,000 bond. He was provided notice of his termination from the Sheriff's Office.

The SCSO's criminal and administrative investigation will be forwarded to the Florida Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission which reviews officer misconduct and determines if action should be taken against a law enforcement officer's certification. The criminal case will be prosecuted by the Office of the State Attorney, 18th Judicial Circuit.

Ryan was hired by SCSO in 2009 as a detention deputy and became a sergeant in 2013. He had served as a field training supervisor since February of 2014.

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