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### CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP TO INVESTIGATE THE SHOOTING DEATH OF ANDREW LEE SCOTT BY LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF’S DEPUTIES

*Civil Rights Group says, Florida should consider Indiana’s Law  
Allowing a Homeowner to Use Deadly Force against the Police*

ORLANDO - Today, the Orlando based Florida Civil Rights Association announced that it will conduct a police misconduct investigation to determine if one or more deputies with the Lake County Sheriff’s Office used excessive force in the shooting death of Andrew Lee Scott, who was later identified as the wrong suspect.

The shooting of any citizen by a police officer is of great concern to the Florida Civil Rights Association, especially where maybe doubt as to whether the officer needed to resorts to deadly force.

The Lake County Sheriff’s Office should have a policy in place that requires its deputies to identify themselves when attempting to gain access to an individual’s home, said Florida Civil Rights Association President, J. Willie David, III.

Police impersonation is a growing trend in Florida and across the country, David said. The public have seen countless news stories of criminals using the guise of being a police officer to knock on a door in an attempt to gain access to the home. The deputies should know better not to use this type of tactic to hide their identity from a homeowner, especially, at 1:30 a.m., David added.

Homeowners have a constitutional right to use force, even deadly force to protect their property, and the life of others against an unknown intruder, including the police, David stated.

Recently, Indiana Governor signed a Bill allowing Citizens to Use Deadly Force against Police Officers into Law providing additional protection to homeowners. (Read Enrolled Act, Senate Bill No. 1 <http://www.in.gov/legislative/bills/2012/SE/SE0001.1.html>) The Florida Civil Rights Association will not rule out seeking similar legislation in the state of Florida to protect homeowners against illegal conduct by the police, David said.

Attorney Kyan Ware, the group’s chairman of legal affairs will lead the investigation. If our investigation reveals evidence of misconduct the Florida Civil Rights Association will request the State Attorney’s Office to seek manslaughter charges against the responsible deputy or deputies, explained David.

There must be a determination whether Lake County Sheriff’s deputies are intentionally disregarding non-deadly means to quell a situation and are opting, as a default, for the use of deadly force, stated David.

The Florida Civil Rights Association is calling on the Lake County Sheriff to immediately end this deadly police tactic of not announcing the law enforcement agency to a homeowner before gaining entry.

### ABOUT THE FCRA

The Florida Civil Rights Association (FCRA) is a non-profit, non-partisan, statewide organization based in Orlando with members and supporters dedicated to protecting and expanding the civil rights and civil liberties guaranteed by the Constitutions and civil rights laws of the United States and the State of Florida. Learn more about the FCRA at [www.fcranews.com](http://www.fcranews.com)