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PERMITLESS CONCEALED CARRY TAKES EFFECT IN FLORIDA JULY 1ST

There is a lot of misinformation about the new permitless carry law here in Florida. On behalf of the St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, let us set the record straight. Here are the facts:

- ✓ The law is not open carry; open carry is still illegal in Florida under most circumstances.
- ✓ The new law does not change who can purchase a firearm, the waiting period to purchase a firearm, or where you can carry a firearm.
- ✓ The criteria to carry a concealed firearm is the same to be eligible for a permit, including being a U.S. citizen who is at least 21 years of age with no felony convictions or other disqualifying conditions.
- ✓ When carrying a concealed firearm, you must also possess valid identification and you are required to provide it to law enforcement upon request.
- ✓ The new law does not change where you can carry a firearm. You may not carry a firearm anywhere that a private business or property owner has prohibited them or anywhere outlined in 790.06 of the Florida Statutes, including but not limited to schools, colleges, universities, bars, courthouses, and at government meetings.

Carrying a concealed firearm, let alone possessing a firearm, comes with a lot of responsibility. Do your part by taking firearms training education seriously. Learn the law; seek out experienced professional firearms training. Become proficient, because your life and that of your family may depend on it. Ensure the safe storage of your firearm and never leave your firearm unsecured in your vehicle.

Sheriff Ken Mascara



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PERMITLESS CARRY

MYTHS **VS** FACTS



X MYTH

It authorizes open carry.



FACT

The law is not open carry; open carry is still illegal in Florida under most circumstances.

X MYTH

Anyone can purchase a firearm without a background check.



FACT

The new law does not change who can purchase a firearm, the waiting period to purchase a firearm, or where you can carry a firearm.

X MYTH

It doesn't restrict who can legally carry a firearm.



FACT

The criteria to carry a concealed firearm is the same to be eligible for a permit, including being a U.S. citizen who is at least 21 years of age with no felony convictions or other disqualifying conditions. When carrying a concealed firearm, you must also possess valid identification and you are required to provide it to law enforcement upon request.

X MYTH

You can carry a firearm anywhere.



FACT

The new law does not change where you can carry a firearm. You may not carry a firearm anywhere that a private business or property owner has prohibited them or anywhere outlined in 790.06 of the Florida Statutes, including but not limited to schools, colleges, universities, bars, courthouses, and at government meetings.



ARREST REPORT

AGENCY	Agency Name St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office	ORI FL0560000	Date/Time Arrested 11/09/2020 14:47 Mon		Case # 2010571				
	Taken	Arrest Tract	Residence Tract	Arrest Number 188588					
ARRESTEE	Name (Last, First, Middle) KNIGHT, ERNEST DANZEL		D.O.B. [REDACTED]	Age 28	Race B	Sex M	Place of Birth	Citizenship US	
	Current Address [REDACTED] FORT PIERCE, FL 34982		Phone [REDACTED]	Occupation	Residence Status Resident				
	Employer's Name		Address		Phone				
	Also Known As (Alias Names)				Hgt 5'11	Wgt 150	Hair Black	Eyes Brown	Skin Tone
	Scars, Marks, Tattoos		Social Security # [REDACTED]	OLN and State K523204923080-FL		Misc. # and Type			
	Nearest Relative Name		Address		Phone				
	If Armed, Type of Weapon		Type of Arrest AFFIDAVIT / PC	Place of Arrest 2800 SHERATON BLVD, FORT PIERCE					
ARREST	Charge #1 Committed Carrying Prohibited Weapon-carrying Weapon Openly	Type Misd	Counts 1	IBR Code 520	Warrant/Summons #	Statute # 790.053 MS2617 	Warr. Date		
	Charge #2 Committed Weapon Offense-transfer Firearm To Minor	Type Fel	Counts 1	IBR Code 520	Warrant/Summons #	Statute # 790.17 (2A) FT2664 	Warr. Date		
	Charge #3	Type	Counts	IBR Code	Warrant/Summons #	Statute #	Warr. Date		
VEHICLE	VYR	Make	Model		Style				
	Color	Plate #/State/Plate Year		VIN					
	Vehicle								
CONFONDED	Date/Time Confined		Place Confined			Committing Magistrate			
	Type Bond	Bond Amount	Trial Date	Time	Court Of	City			
	Arresting Officer Name/ID #/Bureau Jadin, Christopher D (SIU, GANG) (1010) SSB								
	Assisting Officer Name/ID #/Bureau				Released By (Name/Department/ID #)		Date/Time Released		
Status Codes	1 = None 2 = Burned 3 = Counterfeit / Forged 4 = Damaged 5 = Recovered 6 = Seized 7 = Stolen 8 = Unknown/Lost								
DRUGS	Code	Status	Quantity	Type Measure	Suspected Type		Up to 3 types of activity for each		
Other Name	Name		Address			Phone			
	Name		Address			Phone			
NARRATIVE	While conducting surveillance on a residence located at 2800 Sheraton Blvd, we observed a white Chevy Cruze arrive at the residence. The vehicle backed into the driveway and Willie Ervin, (16 year old B/M, documented Sixway Gang Member), got into the passenger seat. The driver of the vehicle was a black male wearing a dark colored shirt with white writing on the front of it with the words, "Lil Polo Da Don". While conducting the surveillance I could clearly see Willie Ervin reach under the front passenger seat and retrieve a full size black Handgun. Willie Ervin tucked ** Continued **								
	Arresting Officer Signature/ID #/Bureau Jadin, Christopher D (SIU, GANG) (1010) SSB								
STATUS	Case Status Cleared By Arrest		Arrestee Signature						

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ARREST REPORT (Additional Narrative)

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Arrestee Name KNIGHT, ERNEST DANZEL			Arrest Number 188588

the firearm in his waistband and concealed it under his white, Nike shirt then exited the vehicle and walked into his house. The vehicle then left the residence eastbound on Sheraton Blvd.

As other units responded to the residence, I observed the vehicle at the store located at 2243 N 25th St, (very close to the residence). As I pulled up to the vehicle, the driver, identified as Ernest Knight, exited the vehicle. I ordered Knight to stop and approached him from the passenger side with the vehicle in between us. He immediately stuck his hands into his pockets. I ordered him to remove his hands from his pockets and moved around the vehicle. As I made contact with Knight I observed the entire grip, of a black Handgun with an extended magazine sticking out of his right pocket. I placed Knight in handcuffs and took possession of that firearm, a black Glock 27, .40 cal handgun loaded with a 22 round extended magazine containing 16 bullets.

Knight was read his Miranda Rights and agreed to speak with us without an attorney present. Post Miranda, Knight said he has a CCW permit and usually carries his handgun in a holster but today his holster was in his trunk so he was carrying it in the pocket of his sweat pants. Knight was transported to the Sheriff's Office for a continued interview. Knight was re-read his Miranda Rights and again agreed to speak to me without an attorney present. During that interview, Knight admitted to being at Willie Ervin's house and stated Willie had been out of town with Knight and others over the weekend. Knight said that he knew Willie was a juvenile. Knight stated he stopped by Willie's house and Willie got into the vehicle. Knight admitted he was there for Willie to get his gun but claimed he believed it could have been a prop gun from a video shoot over the weekend. Subsequent investigation led to the recovery of the firearm (Glock model 23) from Willie Ervin's residence. Det. Archie handled that part of the investigation.

I arrested Ernest Knight for Open Carry of a Firearm F.S.S. 790.053 and Furnishing a Firearm to a Minor F.S.S. 790.17 (2a).

ARREST REPORT

AGENCY	Agency Name St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office		ORI FL0560000		Date/Time Arrested 12/19/2022 06:19 Mon		Case # 2214249			
	Taken		Arrest Tract		Residence Tract		Arrest Number 213720			
ARRESTEE	Name (Last, First, Middle) KOREN, CODY JAMES				D.O.B.	Age 30	Race W	Sex M	Place of Birth AZ	Citizenship US
	Current Address				Phone		Occupation		Residence Status Resident	
	Employer's Name				Address				Phone	
	Also Known As (Alias Names)				Hgt 6'03	Wgt 160	Hair Black	Eyes Blue	Skin Tone Fair	
	Scars, Marks, Tattoos				Social Security #		OLN and State K650-110-92-082-0-FL		Misc. # and Type	
	Nearest Relative Name				Address				Phone	
ARREST	If Armed, Type of Weapon		Type of Arrest AFFIDAVIT / PC			Place of Arrest 5903 SUNSET BLVD/BARTOW ST, FORT PIERCE				
	Charge #1 Committed Marijuana-possess-possess Marijuana Over 20 Grams		Type Fel	Counts 1	IBR Code 35A	Warrant/Summons #	Statute # 893.13 (6A) FT5331 		Warr. Date	
	Charge #2 Committed Drug Equip-possess-and Or Use		Type Misd	Counts 1	IBR Code 35B	Warrant/Summons #	Statute # 893.147 (1) MF3768 		Warr. Date	
	Charge #3 Committed Carrying Concealed Weapon-firearm		Type Fel	Counts 1	IBR Code 520	Warrant/Summons #	Statute # 790.01 (2) FT2616 		Warr. Date	
VEHICLE	VYR 2020	Make Jeep	Model			Style Utility				
	Color Black		Plate #/State/Plate Year ILTA96 FL 2021		VIN 3C4NJCB9LT135925					
CONFINED	Date/Time Confined		Place Confined			Committing Magistrate				
	Type Bond		Bond Amount	Trial Date	Time	Court Of	City			
	Arresting Officer Name/ID #/Bureau Hester, Jake B (SIU, NARC) (2351) SSB									
	Assisting Officer Name/ID #/Bureau					Released By (Name/Department/ID #)			Date/Time Released	
Status Codes	1 = None 2 = Burned 3 = Counterfeit / Forged 4 = Damaged 5 = Recovered 6 = Seized 7 = Stolen 8 = Unknown/Lost									
DRUGS	Code	Status	Quantity	Type Measure	Suspected Type			Up to 3 types of activity for each		
Other Name	Name Victim State Of Florida			Address				Phone		
	Name			Address				Phone		
NARRATIVE	On 12/19/2022 at approximately 0430 hours, I responded to the area of Sunset Blvd and Bartow St in reference to a traffic stop that D/S Zarba #334 conducted (please see his supplement for additional information).									
	Upon arriving on scene, I asked the driver to place his shut his car off. When doing so, D/S Hernandez #236 located a firearm in the back seat, directly behind the driver who was identified ** Continued **									
STATUS	Arresting Officer Signature/ID #/Bureau Hester, Jake B (SIU, NARC) (2351) SSB									
	Case Status Cleared By Arrest					Arrestee Signature				

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Arrestee Name KOREN, CODY JAMES			Arrest Number 213720

as Cody James Koren by his Florida Driver's License. The firearm was not in a holster and was openly sitting on the seat. At this point, D/S Hernandez #236 asked Koren to exit the vehicle for precautionary reasons. When asking Koren if he had any weapons or anything on him that would poke, hurt or stab me before conducting a pat down on him, he stated, "I believe a 22 is in the car but it's my girlfriends, everything is registered to her". When Koren, opened his driver side door to exit the vehicle, I noticed a strong odor of marijuana coming from the inside of the vehicle. At this point, Koren, was asked to walk back to the front of D/S Zarba's marked patrol car and was asked by D/S Hernandez if there were any illegal items in the vehicle other than the firearm observed in the back seat. Koren proceeded to say, "There's some weed".

The gun located in the back seat was readily accessible from where Koren was sitting in the vehicle. The gun was a Smith & Wesson M&P15-22 22 caliber assault rifle style gun. It also had a round in the chamber ready to fire with a fully loaded 25 round magazine inserted to the magazine well.

When asking Koren where the weed was located he proceeded to state "in my bag". D/S Hernandez asked Koren if the weed was located inside his book bag and Koren nodded his head yes, agreeing that it was his book bag.

While searching the vehicle, D/S Hernandez observed a black in color book bag located on the floorboard of the passenger side. The book bag contained two ziplock clear bags with a green leafy substance sticking out of the front pocket in plain view. Upon searching the book bag, one ziplock was labeled "Hawaiian Runtz" and the second ziplock was labeled "GMO cookies". In the middle pocket of the book bag, there were two green leafy substance buds that were individually roaming in the book bag. In the large pocket of the book bag, burnt tin foil was found. Both ziplock bags containing the green leafy substances as well as the individual buds weighed a total of approximately 31.2 grams. The green leafy substances all tested positive for marijuana with my agency issued test kits.

Additionally, a second firearm was located in the large pocket of the book bag. The firearm was a Smith & Wesson 9mm handgun, which contained a fully loaded 16 round magazine with a round in the chamber. The firearm was not inside a holster it was just placed inside the book bag, although there was a holster separately in the book bag. The bag was unzipped with the handgun readily accessible to Koren from the driver seat. Inside the back bag was also a multi colored green mask, multiple sheets of foil with burnt residue on them, and a red torch. A second fully loaded magazine for the handgun was also found in the holster inside the back bag.

At this time, Koren was placed into hand restraints, which were double locked and checked for proper fit. I then escorted, Koren, to my marked patrol car.

I read Koren his Miranda Warnings using my agency issued card in which he stated he did wish to talk to me. Koren was asked what the residue in the sheets of foil was to which he replied that it was "dab wax" (liquid thc). Let it be noted that Koren does not have a Concealed Carry license.

Based off evidence, observations, statements, and totality of the circumstances, I am charging Koren with 790.01 (2) | CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON-FIREARM, 790.07 (2) | WEAPON OFFENSE-USE DISPLAY

ARREST REPORT (Additional Narrative)

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ETC FIREARM DURING FELONY, 790.053 | CARRYING PROHIBITED WEAPON-CARRYING WEAPON OPENLY, 893.13 (6A) | MARIJUANA-POSSESS-POSSESS MARIJUANA OVER 20 GRAMS, and 893.147 (1) | DRUG EQUIP-POSSESS-AND OR USE.

Koren was transported to St Lucie County Jail without incident.

ARREST REPORT (Additional Charges)

Agency Name St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office	ORI FL0560000	Date/Time Arrested 12/19/2022 06:19	Case # 2214249
Arrestee Name KOREN, CODY JAMES			Arrest Number 213720

Charge	Fel/Misd	Counts	IBR Code	Warrant/Summons #	Statute #	Warr. Date
4) Weapon Offense-use Display Etc Firearm During Felony	Fel	1	520		790.07 (2) FS2628 	
5) Carrying Prohibited Weapon-carrying Weapon Openly	Misd	1	520		790.053 MS2617 	

AGENCY	Agency Name St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office		ORI FL0560000	Date/Time Arrested 07/23/2024 15:18 Tue		Case # 2408575			
	Taken		Arrest Tract	Residence Tract		Arrest Number 232197			
ARRESTEE	Name (Last, First, Middle) PEREZ, DAVID ANTHONY FRANK J			D.O.B. [REDACTED]	Age 22	Race W	Sex M	Place of Birth	Citizenship US
	Current Address [REDACTED]			Phone [REDACTED]	Occupation Student		Residence Status Resident		
	Employer's Name SOUTHPORT MIDDLE SCHOOL			Address 2420 SE MORNINGSIDE BLVD			Phone 772-337-5900		
	Also Known As (Alias Names)			Hgt 5'08	Wgt 130	Hair Brown	Eyes Brown	Skin Tone Olive	
	Scars, Marks, Tattoos			Social Security # [REDACTED]	OLN and State P620161020990-FL		Misc. # and Type		
	Nearest Relative Name			Address			Phone		
ARREST	If Armed, Type of Weapon		Type of Arrest AFFIDAVIT / PC		Place of Arrest SE WALTON RD/S US HIGHWAY 1, PORT ST LUCIE				
	Charge #1 Committed Marijuana-possess-not More Than 20 Grams	Type Misd	Counts 1	IBR Code 35A	Warrant/Summons #	Statute # 893.13 (6B) MF3696 		Warr. Date	
	Charge #2 Committed Carrying Prohibited Weapon-carrying Weapon Openly	Type Misd	Counts 1	IBR Code 520	Warrant/Summons #	Statute # 790.053 MS2617 		Warr. Date	
	Charge #3	Type	Counts	IBR Code	Warrant/Summons #	Statute #		Warr. Date	
VEHICLE	VYR	Make	Model		Style				
	Color	Plate #/State/Plate Year		VIN					
	Vehicle								
CONFINEE	Date/Time Confined		Place Confined			Committing Magistrate			
	Type Bond	Bond Amount	Trial Date	Time	Court Of	City			
	Arresting Officer Name/ID #/Bureau Rodriguez, Christopher (PTRL, NS) (2513) POB			Released By (Name/Department/ID #)			Date/Time Released		
	Assisting Officer Name/ID #/Bureau			Released By (Name/Department/ID #)			Date/Time Released		
DRUGS	Status Codes 1 = None 2 = Burned 3 = Counterfeit / Forged 4 = Damaged 5 = Recovered 6 = Seized 7 = Stolen 8 = Unknown/Lost								
	Code	Status	Quantity	Type Measure	Suspected Type		Up to 3 types of activity for each		
Other Name	Name		Address			Phone			
	Name		Address			Phone			
NARRATIVE	On July 23rd, 2024, at approximately 1338 hours, I received a flock hit on a red Honda Accord bearing Florida tag BP24RB for an expired tag.								
	While parked at the 8500 block of S US Highway 1, I observed a red Honda Accord driving southbound. I pulled out and get behind the vehicle and performed a traffic stop.								
STATUS	Arresting Officer Signature/ID #/Bureau Rodriguez, Christopher (PTRL, NS) (2513) POB								
	Case Status Cleared By Arrest				Arrestee Signature				

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ARREST REPORT (Additional Narrative)

Agency Name St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office	ORI FL0560000	Date/Time Arrested 07/23/2024 15:18	Case # 2408575
Arrestee Name PEREZ, DAVID ANTHONY FRANK J			Arrest Number 232197

I made contact with the driver, David Perez, and ask him for his license to which he replied that he did not have a valid license. Perez also stated that there was a firearm in the car. When I asked where it was, he pointed down between his feet. I observed an openly carried, fully loaded semi-automatic Springfield Armory handgun bearing serial number GM133400 with an extended magazine sitting on the floorboard of the driver seat between the driver's feet. The firearm was not in a holster.

There was a strong odor of marijuana coming from the car. I asked Perez if there was any marijuana in the car and he stated that it was in the backpack in the back seat. I opened up the backpack to find a baggy filled with marijuana under 20 grams. I also located three previously smoke marijuana cigarettes in the door jam on the driver's side of the car. Two of them were approximately 1/2 an inch long and the third was approximately 2 1/2 inches long. Perez does not possess and medical marijuana card.

I placed Perez under arrest for 893.13 (6B) MARIJUANA-POSSESS-NOT MORE THAN 20 GRAMS and 790.053 CARRYING PROHIBITED WEAPON-CARRYING WEAPON OPENLY.

Perez was placed in handcuffs, which were checked for tightness and double locked. Perez was search for weapons and contraband and was placed in the back of my patrol car.

Perez was transported to the St. Lucie county jail without incident.

This case is cleared by arrest.