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Leon County Sheriff's Office Discontinues Booking Report Posts

Beginning January 17, 2025, the booking report will no longer be available on the Leon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) website or social media.

This change is being implemented in response to a recent federal court ruling, which found that posting mugshots of individuals who have not been convicted of a crime may violate their due process rights. For information on this ruling, please refer to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit's decision in *Houston v. Maricopa County, Arizona, 116 F.4th 935 (2024).*

As a result, mugshots will still be included in news releases and can be requested by making a public records request using one of the methods offered here: <u>LCSO Records Department.</u>

This change is part of a broader effort by law enforcement agencies across the country to align with legal standards and protect individuals' rights.

The Leon County Sheriff's Office remains committed to transparency while protecting the constitutional rights of all individuals in our community.



