




## BROWARD OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

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### MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Philip Shailer, Chair,  
and Members, Inspector General Selection-Oversight Committee

From: John W. Scott, Inspector General  
Broward Office of the Inspector General 

Date: April 2, 2012

Subject: **Designation of the Broward OIG as a Criminal Justice Agency**

By way of this memorandum, I am pleased to inform you that the Broward Office of the Inspector General (OIG) has now been designated as a “criminal justice agency” by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Specifically, via the offices of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the FBI has assigned the OIG an NCIC Originating Agency Identifier (ORI), which acknowledges that the OIG performs the criminal justice functions which meet the prevailing criteria of a criminal justice agency.<sup>1</sup>

The OIG has functioned as a criminal justice agency since our inception in May 2011. Both through our own initiative, and through our participation as a member of the Broward County Public Corruption Task Force—a specialized group of federal, state, and local investigators and prosecutors responsible for the identification, investigation and prosecution of criminal public corruption cases—we have actively and continuously worked to identify criminal activities and to collect, process, store, and disseminate criminal justice information.

The accordance of this status is a significant milepost in the growth of the OIG. Our receipt of the ORI will allow us to access and acquire information through various interstate and intrastate justice information systems as part of our investigative function, so that we may be better able to perform it.

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<sup>1</sup> Florida Statutes, Section 943.045(10)(e) describes a criminal justice agency as, *inter alia*, any governmental agency “which performs the administration of criminal justice pursuant to a statute or rule of court and which allocates a substantial part of its annual budget to the administration of criminal justice.” Section 943.045(2) further describes the administration of criminal justice to mean “performing functions of detection...of accused persons or criminal offenders by governmental agencies. The administration of criminal justice includes criminal identification activities and the collection, processing, storage, and dissemination of criminal justice information by governmental agencies.”