

# Ft. Pierce Police Department

## News Release

02/05/2009



**R. Sean Baldwin**

*Chief of Police*

920 S. U.S. #1  
Ft. Pierce, FL 34950

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### Police arrest employee

Case #: 2009-4-01583

Date: 02/05/2009

Time: 12:45 p.m.

Location: Fort Pierce Police Department

**Arrested:** Ebony Baret

**Age:** 28

**Hire date:** December 17, 2001

**FORT PIERCE** – Police arrested employee Ebony Baret, a community service aide who has worked with the department for seven years.

Baret, 28, faces four felony charges. She was transported to the St. Lucie County Jail without incident.

The department's Community Service Aides are non-sworn personnel, who assist sworn officers by investigating minor traffic crashes, other minor offenses, non-emergency calls for service and other incidences that do not require the authority of a sworn officer.

The investigation, which was conducted jointly by the Fort Pierce Police Department and the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office, is ongoing.

A copy of the arrest affidavit is attached.

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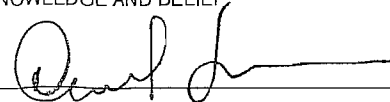
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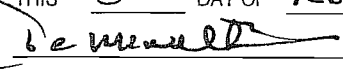
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COURT DOCKET NO. 1. _____ 2. _____		USE SEPERATE FORMS FOR EACH DEFENDENT AND FOR MULTIPLE OFFENSES OCCURRING AT DIFFERENT TIME, DATE OR LOCATION				AGENCY CASE NUMBER <b>2009-4-01583</b>		
<h1>ARREST AFFIDAVIT</h1>		FBI NO.		FDLE NO.				
BOOKING OFF.	JAIL NO.	DEFENDANT NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, TRUE NAME <b>Baret, Ebony Nicole</b>				ARR AGENCY ORI NO. <b>FL0560100</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> DOMESTIC RELATED		A.K.A. <input type="checkbox"/> YES, TRUE NAME				OBTS NO.		
DATE OF BIRTH	AGE	PERMANENT ADDRESS (STREET NO., STREET NAME, CITY) STATE ZIP CODE COUNTY				PHONE		
	<b>28</b>	<b>FL St. Lucie</b>						
DEFENDANT REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT ON _____ AT _____ AM/PM		SEX	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	RACE	D.L.# / STATE	EYE COLOR	HAIR COLOR
		<b>F</b>	<b>5'4"</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>Black</b>		<b>Brown</b>	<b>Black</b>
		SSN	EMPLOYER OR SCHOOL			DISTINGUISHING MARKS		
			<b>City Of Ft. Pierce</b>					
COPY TO:		DATE	MIL. TIME	STREET ADDRESS		STATE COUNTY		
CLERK OF COURTS		<b>02/05/2009</b>	<b>1245</b>	<b>920 S U S Hwy 1 Highway Fort Pierce</b>		<b>FL St. Lucie</b>		
STATE ATTORNEY		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	DISTRICT	ZONE		
		<b>-80.20000</b>		<b>27.20000</b>				
JAIL		DATE	MIL. TIME	STREET ADDRESS		STATE COUNTY		
ARRESTING AGENCY		<b>08/29/2008</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>1220 D Avenue Fort Pierce</b>		<b>FL St. Lucie</b>		
DEFENDANTS		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE				
		<b>-80.20000</b>		<b>27.20000</b>				
<input type="checkbox"/> WEAPON SEIZED	TYPE	RESIDENCE TYPE	CHARGE STATUS	UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF	CITIZENSHIP			
	<b>N/A</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Probable Cause</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>United States of America</b>			
CHARGE TYPE	CHARGE / STATUTE NO.			STATUS	DRUG ACTIVITY	DRUG TYPE		
<b>2. Felony</b>	<b>OBSTRUCT INFORMATION SOUGHT BY WARRANT SUBPOENA ORDER / 934.43</b>			<b>Committed</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>		
<b>3. Felony</b>	<b>OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE INTIMIDATE THREATEN ETC VICT WITNESS INFORMANT / 914.22 1</b>			<b>Committed</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>		
<b>4 Felony</b>	<b>Disclosure or use of confidential criminal justice information / 838.21 0</b>			<b>Committed</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>		
<b>5 Felony</b>	<b>Official Misconduct / 838.022 0</b>			<b>Committed</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>		
PRINCIPAL ARRESTING OFFICER / AGENCY				EMPLOYEE NO.	BOND AMOUNT			
<b>Dave Jones</b>				<b>4768</b>				
DIVISION			UNIT					
<b>ISB</b>			<b>CID Persons</b>					
CO-DEFENDANTS NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)				VICTIMS NAME				
				<b>City Of Ft. Pierce</b>				

I SWEAR THE STATEMENT ABOVE IS CORRECT AND TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF



SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY

THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF February, 2009  


# ARREST AFFIDAVIT

AGENCY CASE NO. 2009-4-01583	ARREST DATE 02/05/2009	DEFENDANT LAST NAME Baret
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## Narrative

On 1-11-09, I along with Det. Perkins were assigned to investigate a possible shooting in the 500 block of N 14 th St. Subsequent to this, the State Attorneys Office provided me with potential information regarding this shooting which related to potential witness tampering in defendant Ned Childress' pending jury trial scheduled for 1-12-09.

On 02-04-09, I met with the State Attorneys Office Investigator who informed me that he had jail telephone recordings from Childress to a female named Ebony Baret. I was familiar with Ebony Baret due to the fact that she is an employee of the Ft. Pierce Police Department. I spoke to the State Attorneys Office Investigator who told me that she had been called numerous times by Childress, and that Baret and Childress may be involved in witness tampering.

I listened to several of the calls between Baret and Childress. I looked at call number 49 that was made on 09-01-2008 at aprox 1500 hrs. In that call, Childress speaks with Ebony Baret while she was on duty and working at the Fort Pierce Police Department. As the conversation progressed, she acknowledged that she is working and that officers are "strapping up." The comment she makes of "strapping up" is referring to the fact that this is not just a regular shift for the officers, but one in which they were putting on specialized uniforms. In this call she makes comments regarding the officers work hours of that night. She also describes vehicles that the officers will be using, along with the officers manner of dress. She also says to Childress "you better tighten your people up," alerting them to the presence of law enforcement. As the conversation progressed, Childress questions Baret about the description of the cars, including color, make and model. She also states that the County (Sheriffs' Office) is participating. At this point, Childress asks her to three-way "OB." "OB" is an alias for Oliver Bell, a known gang member (the same gang that Childress belongs to.) Baret three ways "OB," and during this conversation Childress relates the exact information told to him by Baret about this special police unit.


On 02-05-09 Baret was brought to the police department for an interview. During this interview she admitted that she has used the DAVID system and jail view system while in her official capacity to gain confidential information concerning victims and witnesses in Childress's pending jury trial.

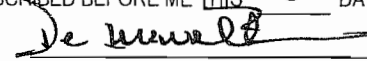
The interview revealed that Baret conspired with Childress and other known gang members to intimidate the witnesses in Childress's jury trial.

I was able to retain copies of the victims written recantations of their statements contained in Childress's pending case.

For the forgoing reasons, I have probable cause to believe that Baret, by her own admission, used her position as a public servant to obtain confidential information regarding the location of a specialized police unit with the intent to hinder a law enforcement investigation. I have probable cause to believe that Baret conspired to tamper with Childress to intimidate the witnesses in his pending case. I have probable cause to believe that Baret disclosed information to Childress that was part of an active criminal investigation. I have probable cause to believe that Baret, with corrupt intent, did obtain information for Childress and his fellow gang

THE PRECEDING IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY PRESENT KNOWLEDGE OR BELIEF.

SIGNATURE 

SWORN & SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 5 DAY OF Feb, 09  
NOTARY / ASA   
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES Police Ofc.  
AGENCY F.P.P.D.

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**Narrative (Continued)**

members while she was acting in her official capacity at the Ft. Pierce Police Dept.

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SIGNATURE



SWORN & SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF Feb, 09  
NOTARY / ASA [Signature]  
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES Police officer  
AGENCY FPPD