



# **SHERIFF**

## **SEMINOLE COUNTY**

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### **Important Message About Florida's Open Carry Law**

Seminole Co. Fla., (Sept. 12, 2025) – In consultation with the State Attorney of the 18th Judicial Circuit, the Seminole County Sheriff's Office will not pursue criminal charges against individuals who openly carry firearms in light of the recent ruling by the First District Court of Appeals. We have issued guidance to our deputies on this decision and will continue to review and update our policies and procedures as further direction is provided by the judiciary, legislature, or executive branches of government.

It is important for citizens to know that private property owners maintain the right to prohibit open carry on their premises, and we encourage everyone to respect those rights and understand the law as it applies in those circumstances.

The safety and well-being of our community remain our highest priority. We are committed to upholding the law while protecting the rights of our citizens, ensuring Seminole County remains a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.

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