

Sheriff made no settlement deal in ethics case

By Lisa J. Huriash
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Broward Sheriff Gregory Tony didn't make a settlement deal in a state ethics case that sought to hold

him responsible over omissions and untruths on official forms on his rise toward becoming the county's top cop, records showed Thursday.

The results of a meeting held

Tuesday were made public in a document posted online Thursday morning through the state's Division of Administrative Hearings.

Tuesday's conference resulted in an "impasse. The parties did not

resolve the issues in dispute, and this case should proceed to final hearing here at DOAH," wrote Judge Hetal Desai.

The Florida Commission on Ethics previously found probable

cause to pursue a case into Tony, finding that there were lies and omissions on forms that led him to his first cop job in Coral Springs,

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South Florida prepares as CDC warns of potential summer mpox resurgence

New report shows two-dose vaccines work

By Cindy Krischer Goodman
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With summer PRIDE events ahead, federal health officials urged people at risk for mpox to get vaccinated and released new research Thursday that shows the two-shot series is highly effective.

"Vaccines work, and our strategy of vaccinating people remains core to preventing mpox," said Dr. Demetre Daskalakis, White House national mpox response deputy coordinator. He added that only one-fourth of the 1.7 million individuals at risk are fully vaccinated.

In South Florida, where 1,741 people have had mpox, formerly called monkeypox, since the U.S. outbreak began last summer, organizations like the Pride Center at Equality Park held town halls and vaccine drives to stop the spread. During the height of the outbreak, cases in South Florida were, in some instances,

doubling or tripling every week. Now, local organizations will need to re-energize their efforts.

Robert Boo, CEO of the Pride Center at Equality Park, said his organization hosted a virtual town hall last week to educate South Florida residents on mpox. He plans to post the recording on the Pride Center's YouTube channel.

"We talked about the need for vaccination as we head into the warmer months," Boo said. "Throughout the country there are PRIDE events, and as the weather gets warm, there's more opportunities for parties, celebrations, dances and people taking off their shirts, so there's more exposure."

A year after the organization's previous town hall, Boo said the education needs to continue. "If they got one shot, it's never too late to get a second. Even people

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LEI DAY IN DAVIE



Polynesian dancer Hoku Martinez presents a lei during Sweet Aloha Ice Cream's celebration of Lei Day and Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Davie. Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is observed in the United States during May, recognizing the contributions and influence of Asian Americans and Pacific Islander Americans to the history, culture and achievements of the United States.

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Broward courts strike deal with court reporters and stenographers

By Rafael Olmeda
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With little time to spare, Broward courts have signed a contract with the stenographers and court reporters responsible for keeping an official record of

felony trials, including first-degree murder and death penalty cases.

Dozens of court reporters, most of whom worked for one of two companies, were prepared to stop showing up after May 19 if the 17th Judicial Circuit didn't come up with money for raises that were,

by all accounts, long overdue.

Chief Administrative Judge Jack Tuter did not disclose the financial terms of the new contracts.

Under the old contracts, court reporters in Broward were paid \$110 per session for two sessions a day, plus \$5 per page for transcripts

that they provide. In 2000, the per session rate was \$100. Overtime was \$32 an hour in 15-minute increments. Court reporters are responsible to cover their taxes and health insurance out of pocket.

Tuter confirmed Thursday that the new contracts were extended

to Boss Reporting and to the courts' digital recording staff, who do not appear in court in person but track hearings remotely. Capital cases are required by law to have in-person court stenographers.

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