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Association of Retail Crime Fighters, Inc.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Association of Retail Crime Investigators, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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In Compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be:

Association of Retail Crime Investigators, Inc.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

2026 Lawson Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

Please see attached

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed:

The method by which the directors of the corporation are elected or appointed will be stated in the bylaws.

ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND/OR OFFICERS

List name(s), address(es) and specific title(s):

Frank Charles Muscato, President 2026 Lawson Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308

James Carson McDowell, Secretary 2026 Lawson Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308

Michael Allen Whitney, Treasurer 2026 Lawson Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308

ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESSThe name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

James Carson McDowell, 2026 Lawson Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATORThe name and address of the Incorporator is:

Tina Pham, Legalzoom.com, Inc., 7083 Hollywood Blvd. Ste. 180, Los Angeles, CA 90028

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

James Carson McDowell
Signature/Registered Agent James Carson McDowell

2-22-2007
Date

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Signature/Incorporator Tina Pham, LegalZoom.com, Inc., Assist. Secretary

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Attachment to
Articles of Incorporation of
Association of Retail Crime Investigators, Inc.

This corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This Corporation shall be a nonprofit corporation. The specific purpose for which this corporation is organized is to disseminate information that will benefit retail crime investigation professionals and to provide educational and networking events for retail crime investigators.

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation (except as otherwise provided by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code), and this corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that this corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in these articles.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

All references to sections of the Internal Revenue Code shall include such sections as of the date hereof and the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

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