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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

**SARASOTA COURT WATCH, INC.**

**(A Corporation Not for Profit)**

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In order to form a corporation under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, I hereby make, adopt and subscribe the following Articles of Incorporation:

**I.**

**NAME OF CORPORATION**

The name of this corporation shall be:

Sarasota Court Watch, Inc.

The principal address and the mailing address of the corporation shall be:

617 Gillespie Avenue  
Sarasota, Florida 34236

**II.**

**PURPOSES**

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

The general nature, objects and purposes of the corporation shall be to operate without profit and to accept and receive property of whatever kind, and wherever situate, received by it by gift, grant, purchase, devise, bequest, or in any lawful manner and to administer and distribute such property exclusively for health, welfare, scientific, educational, environmental, cultural and other charitable purposes, including:

A. To distribute property in accordance with the terms of gifts, bequests, or devises made to the corporation which are not inconsistent with its purposes;

B. To modify any restriction or condition on the administration and distribution of funds for any specified purpose consistent herewith if in the sole judgment of the board of directors (without the necessity of the approval of any trustee, custodian or agent), such restriction or condition becomes, in effect, unnecessary, incapable of fulfillment, or inconsistent with the designated purposes of the corporation.

Other purposes of the corporation shall be to identify repeat criminal offenders involved in street-level narcotics, prostitution and crimes against law enforcement officers and to monitor their disposition through the criminal justice system by neighborhood residents and community business persons:

1. Promote public awareness of the negative effects that habitual offenders have on the economic, social and quality of life issues in the community of Sarasota County, Florida.
2. Promote prosecution of habitual drug dealers, prostitutes and criminals charged with crimes against law enforcement officers to the fullest extent of the law.
3. Promote accountability to the public of judges to appropriately sentence criminals.
4. Promote awareness in the criminal community that neighborhood residents and business persons will proactively participate in the criminal justice system and will not tolerate criminal business as usual.
5. Promote education of Sarasota Court Watch, Inc. volunteers and the entire community of Sarasota, Florida, as to the criminal justice process.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the 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 herein. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3), of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

**III.**  
**MEMBERSHIP**

The qualification for members and the manner of their admission shall be as stated in the Bylaws. The members of this corporation shall consist of the following people and such other individuals as are elected to membership by the Board of Directors pursuant to the Bylaws:

Linda E. Holland  
Tina M. Riggle  
Beverly Scott

**IV.**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a board of directors consisting of not less than three (3) persons, as determined pursuant to provisions of the Bylaws. The board of directors of the corporation shall be elected at the meeting of members of the corporation, held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, of each year, to serve until the next annual meeting, or until their respective successors are duly elected. The method of election of directors shall be as stated in the bylaws.

The names and addresses of the directors who are to manage the affairs of the corporation until the first such annual meeting of said members, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified are as follows:

Linda E. Holland  
617 Gillespie Avenue  
Sarasota, Florida 34236

Tina M. Riggle  
1743 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sarasota, Florida 34236

Beverly Scott  
1050 Hampton Road  
Sarasota, Florida 34236

**V.**  
**CORPORATE EXISTENCE**

The existence of this corporation shall be perpetual, unless dissolved according to law.

**VI.**  
**BYLAWS**

The first board of directors of the corporation shall adopt Bylaws consistent with these Articles of Incorporation. Thereafter, the Bylaws may be altered, amended or rescinded by the directors in the manner provided by such Bylaws.

**VII.**  
**REGISTERED OFFICE**

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 617 Gillespie Avenue, Sarasota, Florida 34236, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Linda E. Holland.

**VIII.**  
**INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

Linda E. Holland  
617 Gillespie Avenue  
Sarasota, Florida 34236

Tina M. Riggle  
1743 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
Sarasota, Florida 34236

Beverly Scott  
1050 Hampton Road  
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**IX.**  
**COMMITTEES**

The corporation may establish such committees as may be necessary to efficiently carry out the general purposes and activities of the corporation.

**X.**  
**DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the board of directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes for which this corporation was organized to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or an organization or organizations, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(1) or (2) of the Internal Revenue Law.

**XI.**  
**AMENDMENT**

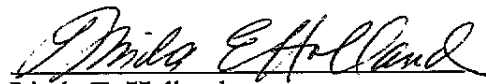
This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator executed these Articles of Incorporation this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1998.

  
Linda E. Holland

**ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT BY REGISTERED AGENT**

The undersigned, hereby accepts appointment as Registered Agent of Sarasota Court Watch, Inc., to accept service of process upon said corporation in this state, and acknowledges that she is familiar with, and accepts, the obligations of that position.

  
Linda E. Holland  
Registered Agent

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