

**CHRISTOPHER L. BLAIR**  
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**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Born: December 25, 1953  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Married: June 2, 1990  
Spouse: Sangi Blair  
Children: Jason (32) and Alesa (18)

**MEMBERSHIPS**

Chairman of the North Florida Violent Crime Council  
CART (Child Abduction Response Team) Member with FDLE  
Vice Chair of North Florida Crime Council  
Crime Stop of Marion County  
Florida Council on Crime Delinquency  
Florida Robbery Intelligence Unit  
Leadership Ocala Alumni  
Southern Police Institute of Louisville, KY, Alumni  
University of Central Florida Alumni

**EDUCATION**

1990            Graduated from Southern Police Institute, University of Louisville in Louisville, KY  
1983            University of Central Florida – Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice  
1981            Central Florida Community College – Associates of Arts Degree  
1972            North Marion High School - Graduated

**ACADEMIC PREPARATION**

Major in Criminal Justice.

- 107 semester hours Labor Relations in the Public Sector, Security Problems, Community Treatment Modes, Political Geography, Prosecution and Adjudication, Crime in America, Corrections and Penology, Introduction to Public Administration, Criminal Justice Planning, Ethics and Values in Public Administration, Corrections Administration, Comparative Politics, Police and the Community.
- Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1983.
- Other Criminal Justice Courses included: Criminal Law 1, Juvenile Delinquency, Psychological Aspects of Criminal Law, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Criminology.
- Outside the College of Criminal Justice: Freshman Composition I, General Mathematics, Human Relations, Contemporary America, General Biology I, General Psychology, Sociology, Counseling, Business Writing, Introduction to Humanities, Freshmen Composition II, Physical Science III, Introduction to Logic, Effective Speaking, Art Appreciation.
- Associate of Arts Degree in 1981.

**SPECIALIZED EDUCATION**

2008            Presently a Firearms Range Master at the College of Central Florida  
2003            Earned Instructor's Certificate in Firearms (High Liability).

- 1998 Received Instructors Certificate for Law Enforcement courses. Presently Instructor for Criminal Justice program at Central Florida Community College in the Police Academy.
- 1994 Graduated from Convenience Store Security Program, Orlando, FL, held by the Attorney General's Office, Tallahassee, FL.
- 1988 Graduate from the Leadership Ocala 1 Seminar for Development of Outstanding Community Leaders, Ocala, FL.
- 1986 Attended Florida Department of Law Enforcement Advanced Criminal Investigations course.
- 1984 Graduated from Identi-Kit Corporations program.
- 1983 Attended Southern Police Institute, University of Louisville, KY, School of Justice Administration, Homicide Investigations.
- 1975 to 2010 Attended and completed over 2,000 hours of law enforcement-related training courses.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

- 2009 to 2010 Major/Bureau Chief of Special Investigation Bureau includes Major Crimes, Drug Enforcement Unit.
- 2005 to 2009 Major/Bureau Chief of Detective Bureau, includes Major Crimes, Evidence, Latent, DNA Screening Lab
- 2003 to 2005 Promoted to Captain/Assistant Bureau Chief of Detective Bureau.
- 1997 to 2003 Promoted to rank of Lieutenant and reassigned to the Uniform Patrol Division as Commander of the North Central District supervising field personnel and overseeing the needs of the community within the District.
- 1996 to 1997 Reassigned to the Warrants Division as Commander supervising Deputies in the execution of arrest warrants.
- 1994 to 1996 Reassigned to the Special Operations Unit supervising the Street Crimes Unit: responsible for investigating street level crimes, robberies and maintaining the Tactical Robbery Apprehension Program.
- 1992 to 1994 Reassigned to the Criminal Investigations Division, Supervisor of Robbery Unit and Tactical Apprehension Program.
- 1990 to 1992 Reassigned to the Uniform Patrol Division as a Field Supervisor.
- 1987 to 1989 Promoted to rank of Sergeant and Supervisor of the Major Crimes Unit within the Criminal Investigation Division.
- 1984 to 1994 Formulated and supervised the Tactical Robbery Apprehension Program for the Marion County Sheriff's Office maintaining and servicing approximately ninety camera units in convenience stores.
- 1982 to 1987 Promoted to Major Crimes Unit specializing in Homicides and Robberies.
- 1981 to 1982 Promoted to Property Crimes Unit specializing in Burglaries and Larcenies.
- 1978 to 1980 Promoted to rank of Corporal in the Uniform Patrol Division and assigned to Street Crimes Unit.
- 1977 to 1978 Promoted to rank of Master Deputy in the Uniform Patrol Division.
- 1975 to 1977 Employed by the Marion County Sheriff's Office and assigned to the Uniform Patrol Division.
- 1974 to 1975 Completed Basic Recruit Training (280 hours).

**RECOGNITION AND AWARDS**

- Aug. 2010 Distinguished Service Award received from the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency Chapter XVIII for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.
- July 2009 Unit Citation received from Sheriff Ed Dean for the investigation of attempted murder of Marion County Deputies by a suspect who opened fire during a traffic stop. Suspect was apprehended and arrested. Investigation led Detectives to uncovering additional violent crimes that were committed around the country. Federal prosecution was established and suspect was indicted and is awaiting trial.
- Mar 2009 Unit Citation received from Sheriff Ed Dean for the investigation of home invasions/murder that occurred in Marion Oaks in 2006 which resulted in eight persons being held hostage and one victim murdered. Three year investigation resulted in the arrest of five offenders after being indicted for Home Invasion and Murder by a Marion County Grand Jury.
- Jan 2009 Letter of Commendation received from Vernon J. Geberth, Homicide and Forensic Consultant, for coordinating a homicide training program for Detectives throughout the Fifth District.
- Oct 2009 Certificate of Appreciation received from Commissioner Gerald M. Bailey and Florida Department of Law Enforcement in special recognition of Superior Performance, Friendship, and Support through partnership with FDLE in establishing the First DNA Screening Lab in the State of Florida.
- Mar 2008 Letter of Commendation received from Putnam County Sheriff Dean Kelly for the arrest of a triple homicide suspect who was located in Marion County and arrested without incident.
- Mar 2008 Letter of Appreciation received from Connie Blackburn in connection to her daughter's disappearance thanking the investigative team for their dedication and hard work.
- Feb 2007 Eagle Eye Award received from Sheriff Dean in reference to the investigation of armed home invasions occurring between October, 2006, and January, 2007, and for spearheading the Task Force that led to the arrest of multiple offenders who were responsible for committing crimes in multiple jurisdictions.
- Oct 2005 Letter of Commendation received from Dunnellon Police Chief Robert Jackson for spearheading an undercover operation in reference to allegations of police misconduct by one of his police officers who was subsequently arrested.
- Oct 2005 Unit Citation received from Sheriff Ed Dean for involvement in two highly-publicized homicide cases, Cederic McFattern and Matthew May, which occurred in June, 2005. Both homicide cases were solved and the perpetrators were indicted by the Grand Jury and successfully prosecuted.
- Oct 2005 Unit Citation received from Sheriff Ed Dean for leading the taskforce in the abduction investigation and recovery of an 11-year-old in January, 2005, requiring numerous man-hours, and following up on over 500 investigative leads which led to a successful conclusion with the safe return of the 11-year-old and the arrest of the perpetrator.
- Sept 2005 Certificate of Award received from Missing Children's Information Clearing House Advisory Board as Nominee for Law Enforcement Task Force/Team of the Year signed by Governor Jeb Bush and FDLE Commissioner Guy M. Tunnell.

- June 2004 Medal of Commendation received for the three-year complex investigation of \$15 million in heavy equipment thefts that occurred in Marion County, Central Florida, South Florida, Central America, and the Caribbean. Detectives recovered a large amount of this property and numerous persons were indicted by the Statewide Prosecutor's Office and arrested.
- June 2003 Letter of Commendation received from Chief of Investigations Joseph A. Devine, Morristown, NJ, in regard to the arrest of homicide suspect Walter Whitney Burd who was wanted for homicide in their jurisdiction and was arrested in Marion County.
- Feb 2002 Meritorious Award received from Sheriff Stephen Oelrich, Alachua County Sheriff's Office, for the complex investigation for three years of \$15 million in heavy equipment theft that occurred in Marion County, South Florida, Central America, and the Caribbean. Detectives recovered a large amount of this property and numerous persons were indicted by the Statewide Prosecutor's Office and arrested.
- Aug 1998 Award of Appreciation received by members of the "BIG TEAM FOR LITTLE PEOPLE" for working closely with the Sugar Hill Quadra Villas Program.
- July 1988 Certificate of Award received from the Ocala/Marion County Chamber of Commerce and the Ocala Board of Regents in recognition of course study for the development of outstanding community leaders.
- May 1996 Medal of Commendation for participation in the planning and implementation of "Operation Crack Down". This operation resulted in the arrest of 52 people and a total of 142 criminal charges, as well as the recovery of vast amounts of stolen property and illegal drugs.
- Nov 1995 Medal of Commendation received for assisting in the arrest of a murder suspect wanted by the Ocala Police Department. The identity of the suspect was determined and an Arrest Warrant was issued due largely to the professional manner in which it was handled.
- July 1995 Medal of Commendation received as the Supervisor in the undercover operation utilized to determine the individual responsible for numerous thefts of horse feed from several horse farms in northwest Marion County. This resulted in approximately 32 thefts and burglaries that were closed and approximately 300 criminal charges.
- Jun 1995 Medal of Commendation received for efforts in spearheading two major operations: Operation North Star and Operation Star Search, which resulted in a combined total of 57 arrests and 143 criminal charges filed.
- Mar 1995 Certificate of Commendation received for apprehending perpetrators who robbed a U.S. Post Office facility.
- Aug 1994 Certificate of Commendation received for "Operation Tow-away" wherein 30 locations were identified as having code enforcement violations within the North Central District. These locations were addressed with search warrants which resulted in the recovery of stolen property and numerous criminal arrests with several businesses being shut down.
- Mar 1991 Certificate of Commendation received for obtaining confessions and recovering stolen money which was taken from a Handy Way Store. This also led to the confession of another robbery which they had committed earlier in Alachua County.

- Feb 1991 Certificate of Commendation received for apprehending a juvenile after he stole his father's vehicle and firearms. This subject was chased for one hour and fifteen minutes, during which time he fired upon officers.
- Feb 1991 Certificate of Commendation received for apprehending and obtaining confessions from two armed robbery suspects within an hour of the time they robbed a local convenience store.
- Sept 1989 Certificate of Commendation received for coordinating and supervising all leads and the capture of two escaped prisoners who kidnapped a 17-year-old high school student.
- May 1989 Selected Officer of the Year by the Sons of the American Revolution which was awarded for outstanding law enforcement and distinguished service to the community.
- Apr 1989 Certificate of Commendation received for coordinating and supervising the capture of Logan Gresham (armed with a semiautomatic weapon) and the return of Melissa Gresham to her mother after Gresham abducted her at gunpoint.
- Apr 1989 Certificate of Commendation received for the investigation of a triple homicide and the arrest of Reed Griener who was responsible for killing three family members.
- July 1988 Officer of the Year by the Ocala Jaycees for outstanding Law Enforcement Officer and Distinguished Service Award for Marion County.
- July 1987 Officer of the Year for the State of Florida by the State Organization of Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency in Naples, FL, for outstanding law enforcement officer and distinguished service award.
- July 1987 Medal and Certificate of Commendation received for developing and maintaining the Tactical Robbery Apprehension Program.
- June 1987 Officer of the Year by the local chapter of the Florida Council on Crime and Delinquency for outstanding Law Enforcement Officer and Distinguished Service Award.
- April 1987 Certificate of Commendation received for professionalism exhibited while investigating numerous sexual battery cases.
- Dec 1985 Certificate of Commendation received for the investigation of numerous sexual battery cases in southeast Ocala which resulted in the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator.
- July 1984 Certificate of Commendation received for dedication and aggressive police practices in the recovery of approximately \$750,000 in stolen property and several arrests.
- Mar 1983 Certificate of Commendation received for dedication in which, while off-duty, a robbery suspect was chased, apprehended, and subsequently arrested at the Dairy Queen after he robbed an elderly woman.
- May 1982 Letter of Commendation received from Belleview Police Chief Robert Howie for the apprehension and arrest of armed robbery suspects.
- Mar 1982 Certificate of Commendation received for initiative, creativeness, and persistence in solving numerous commercial burglaries which resulted in the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator.
- Feb 1982 Certificate of Commendation received for surveillance and teamwork in solving numerous thefts from the Seminole Feed Store in which five persons were subsequently arrested.

- Jun 1982      Officer of the Year by the Marion County Noon Optimist Club awarded for outstanding law enforcement and distinguished service.
- Sept 1983    Officer of the Year by the Ocala Rape Crisis and Spouse Abuse Center for providing the most assistance to women and children in the community.
- 1975 - 2009    Received numerous Letters of Commendation and Appreciation from businesses and citizens (in personnel file at the Marion County Sheriff's Office).

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Established Sex Offender/Predator REGNET Program at MCSO for tracking sex offenders and predators.
- Established the first DNA Screening Lab in Florida in partnership with FDLE.
- Developed and established the Cold Case Investigative Team (ICE Agents) to investigate cold case homicides.
- Federal Grant of \$180,000 dollars was received to investigate cold case homicides. Two cold case homicides were solved during this Grant.
- Developed NIBIN Program (National Integrated Ballistics Information Network) to fire all firearms located in Evidence, and future collecting of firearms to assist in prosecuting Federal cases.
- Developed partnership with ATF and FDLE to investigate Federal gun cases.
- Developed Robbery Monitoring Program to monitor convenience stores by internet to assist with quick apprehension and other suspicious activity.
- Developed robbery/fraud/banking monthly intelligence meetings with instant email notification of intelligence reference robberies, suspects, and other crime information.
- Developed robbery response crime van with video equipment to download images of robbery for immediate dissemination to Patrol via the Mobile Data System for quick apprehension.
- Opened work-station within Quad Villas to assist and respond to combat crime activity.
- Developed program to block off roadways creating one-way in and out to assist in lowering criminal activity such as robberies, thefts, and drugs. The County Commission approved this program which was deemed successful.
- Developed partnership with the 5<sup>th</sup> District Medical Examiner's Office with the handling of death investigations.
- Developed weekly intelligence meeting between Ocala Police Department and the Marion County Sheriff's Office to share intelligence on crimes committed across jurisdictions.