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Subject: INQ 17-38 Detective Juan Villalba, Narcotics Bureau, Miami-Dade Police Department (Gifts)

Detective Villalba:

You have inquired concerning the ethical propriety of the acceptance by the Police Department of an offer from a county contractor to purchase collections boxes to be utilized in a prescription drug take-back program that the department is involved with, whereby unused and unwanted prescription drugs will be specially collected and brought to a county facility where they will be incinerated, thereby avoiding the health and environmental problems that may arise from their disposal through ordinary trash collection. The company in question has a contract with the county to operate a reusable resource plant in Medley. Their offer will save the county the expense of paying for the receptacles for the unused pills. The program in question will be of no significant benefit to the company and will not, in any way, personally benefit any county employee.

Under these circumstances, there is no prohibition under the County Ethics code for the Police Department to accept the proffered provision of the collection boxes, since they are being donated for a county purpose and will be used solely by the county in conducting its official business. Pursuant to Subsection 2-11.1(e)(2)(e), the acceptance of such gifts are specifically excluded from any prohibition in the County gift ordinance.

Sincerely,

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