

House Bill No. 919

An act relating to law enforcement investigations; creating s. 837.055, F.S.; prohibiting knowingly and willfully giving false information to law enforcement officers under certain circumstances; providing penalties; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 837.055, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

837.055 False information to law enforcement during investigation.—Whoever knowingly and willfully gives false information to a law enforcement officer who is conducting a missing person investigation or a felony criminal investigation with the intent to mislead the officer or impede the investigation commits a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083.

Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2006.

Approved by the Governor June 9, 2006.

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