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News Release

Security grant approved to secure local waters

Commissioner Steven Abrams announced today that the Board of County Commissioners has approved a grant agreement for Operation Stonegarden, a joint mission to secure the county's international water borders. Abrams' district comprises 22 miles of the county's southern coastline.

The State Homeland Security Grant of \$210,000 will be used to offset overtime and equipment costs for the U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) and local law enforcement agencies, including the Sheriff's office and the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

"The waters off our shoreline are notorious for illegal activities, and these patrols are effective and necessary," said Abrams.

The grant will aid the USBP's ability to work with local law enforcement agencies in a joint mission to reinforce their presence within local communities along the coast and to intercept anyone who has illegally crossed our borders.