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Bill Moore on Open Carry: Respect Court Ruling, Protect Taxpayers

Bill Moore, candidate for Orange County Sheriff (Orlando, FL), announced **his support for non-enforcement of Florida's open carry ban** considering a September 10, 2025, ruling by the **First District Court of Appeal declaring the ban unconstitutional under the Second Amendment**; [See *McDaniels v. State*, No. 1D2023-0533 \(Fla. 1st DCA Sept. 10, 2025\)](#). The ruling becomes effective September 25, 2025, unless a higher court intervenes.

"Enforcing a law that has been struck down not only undermines constitutional rights but also risks exposing Orange County taxpayers to expensive lawsuits in state and federal court," said Moore. *"If elected as your Sheriff, I will uphold the Constitution while protecting residents from unnecessary legal and financial burdens."*

The appellate court's decision, grounded in U.S. Supreme Court precedent, applies directly to the First District but is expected to carry significant persuasive weight statewide. **Moore cautioned that continuing to arrest law-abiding citizens outside of the First DCA, like in Orlando, Orange County, FL, could result in costly litigation that diverts resources away from critical public safety needs.**

Moore noted that sheriffs in surrounding [Seminole](#), [Brevard](#), [Osceola](#), and [Polk](#) counties have already **come out publicly in support of non-enforcement**, releasing videos and statements clarifying their positions. ***"It is unclear why the current Sheriff of Orange County has been silent on this critical issue while surrounding sheriffs have already taken clear stands,"*** Moore said. ***"What exactly has the Orange County Sheriff told his deputies in regard to arresting individuals on an unconstitutional open carry law?"***

Moore emphasized that the ruling does not authorize open carry everywhere. *"It remains illegal to carry firearms in sensitive places such as schools, courthouses, government buildings, and establishments primarily devoted to alcohol sales,"* Moore said.

"As a retired law enforcement professional and candidate for Sheriff, I believe in transparency, constitutional policing, and responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars," Moore added. *"If elected, I will ensure the Orange County Sheriff's Office respects the Constitution and protects both the community's safety and its financial future. I won't dodge the tough issues – I'll face them head-on."*

About Bill Moore

Bill Moore is a retired Orlando Police Department Detective with 21 years of service, a former Task Force Agent with the Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation, and a FAA-certified sUAS Remote Pilot (drone pilot). He is running for Orange County Sheriff on the theme "Reset the Tone."

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