



**Seminole County  
Port Authority  
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The Seminole County Port Authority was established by the Florida Legislature in 1965 to operate the Port of Sanford including both the maritime and land based industrial facilities. For decades, a bar/restaurant business has operated without any significant incident at the Seminole County Port Authority. In November of 2022, the marina operator, which is a tenant of the Port Authority, had a new restaurant operator sublease the restaurant, Cabana Live. While that operator obtained all the proper licenses and permits for its bar/restaurant, unbeknownst to the Port Authority, the operator began conducting late-night parties in 2023. In response, the Port Authority issued on April 30, 2024, a default notice to its tenant, the marina operator, as is legally required under the terms of its lease. The marina operator has advised the Port that these late-night events will no longer take place, and that the restaurant/bar will operate as a family friendly establishment appropriate to a marina operation. The horrible crime that occurred at the Port this past weekend should have never happened, and the Seminole County Port Authority is taking the necessary steps to ensure it never does again.

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