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### **Sheriff Williams Comments on Manchester Bombing and Overall Public Safety in Jacksonville**

Nothing matters more to a law enforcement professional, city leader, business owner, or law abiding citizen than the collective safety and welfare of their community. Everyone should have the right to move about freely and expect to do so with the feeling that they are safe. Sadly, as we once again saw yesterday at a concert in Manchester, England, that is not the case.

Our world is a volatile and uncertain one. But, as we once again watch with shock and outrage at another terrorist act, please remember that here at home we work hard every single day on the planning, testing, implementing and assessing of our safety plans for events and entertainment venues in this city.

Many law enforcement agencies and security partners, along with venue staffs and event professionals, are dedicated to creating and implementing plans that assure your entertainment experience will be a safe and secure one. Please continue to work with us, as a most valued partner by SAYING SOMETHING IF YOU SEE SOMETHING suspicious or unusual, and please continue to listen to and respect the directives you receive from law enforcement and event security personnel when you are at events. Your compliance with law enforcement and staying aware of your surroundings are the best tools for being prepared.

Our thoughts and prayers remain with the families and loved ones of those at the arena in Manchester yesterday, as well as their countrymen.

Thank you,  
*Mike Williams*, Sheriff  
Duval County, FL

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