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Capt. Dane Slater
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*cc: City Map
Off. Tullock's file*

Re: Assistance of Det. Donald Tullock

Dear Capt. Slater:

On December 16, 2004, Winona County suffered its greatest criminal tragedy in recent history. Stacy Smith, Taylor Swanson (Stacy Smith's ten-year-old daughter), and Stacy Smith's unborn child were viciously murdered in the City of Winona. These unimaginable crimes were made even more egregious by the murderer's choice to brutally rape ten-year-old Taylor Swanson and set the family's apartment on fire.

Law enforcement's investigation and our prosecution of these senseless crimes led us to seek the assistance of the Troy Police Department. While many of your officers provided us with assistance, Det. Donald Tullock's help was particularly invaluable. Det. Tullock arranged for the execution of a Michigan search warrant, provided us with investigative intelligence on an Accomplice After the Fact living in Troy, and coordinated the apprehension of that Accomplice After the Fact.

Thanks to over three years of hard work by law enforcement personnel and prosecutors throughout the country, including Det. Donald Tullock, we were able to achieve justice for Stacy Smith, Taylor Swanson, and Stacy Smith's unborn child. In 2006, Paul Allan Gordon was convicted of three counts of Murder in the First Degree, one count of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the First Degree, and one count of Arson in the First Degree. Gordon was subsequently sentenced to three life terms for the murders, plus a consecutive term of 52 months in prison for the arson. In March of 2008, Jonathan Jenard Jackson was convicted of Aiding an Offender as an Accomplice After the Fact to Murder. Last week, Jackson was sentenced to 60 months in prison.

We wish to thank Det. Tullock and the Troy Police Department for assisting us in making these results possible.

Very truly yours,
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