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Good morning,

I am a Troy resident in the area where the home invasion situation occurred yesterday. My child attends Leonard Elementary which was temporarily locked down during the event.

I saw the press release and wanted to just take a moment to forward a note of thanks and commend your officers on a job well done. I've always felt we have the finest police department in the country and that it's the key reason we are ranked as the 12th safest city in the US.

I know it's often a thankless job involving a lot of risk and constant interaction with very undesirable people and felt it important to take this opportunity to express support and gratitude for the work all of you do. The response to yesterday's event was highly professional and very effective. I am sure a lot of other parents take comfort in knowing that the system we have in place to protect our children and all the residents of the city works like a charm.

I was happy to hear you caught the person involved and I hope that sends a strong message to others like him. Thanks very much to you and your officers for a job well done and your continued efforts to keep our city safe.

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This is regarding the Home Invasion on Fairways St. where the suspect fled upon the officers arrival, was pursued to the area of Wilton and Dorshire drove into a backyard and fled on foot. Officers established a perimeter and asked the Troy School District to lock down the nearby Leonard Elementary School. While a Troy Police Officer was outside a home on Wilton the 77 year old female resident, who was inside the home, alerted the Police Officer through the kitchen window that the suspect was inside. The suspect grabbed the victim by the arm and pulled her into a bedroom. He threw her on the floor and fled into another bedroom. Police Officers forced entry into the home and arrested the suspect, a 31 year old male resident of Detroit, who was hiding in a bedroom closet. Chief G. Mayer

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