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Sarasota K-9 Search and Rescue
Canine Operations
Sarasota County Administration Center
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Sarasota, Florida 34236

RE: Letter of Appreciation

On behalf of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Sebring Field Office and the Glades County Sheriff's Office, I want to take the opportunity to thank Sarasota K-9 Search and Rescue, with special recognition to the following members:

Joseph Abrams (K9 - 02)
Cindy O'Niell (K9 - 04)
Tracy Ross (K9 - 10)
Tami Treadway (K9 - 04)

Bill Stulgis (K9 - 13)
Janet Wyatt (K9-07)
Kim Oldroyd (K9 - 23)

On August 16 & 17, 2007, the above members of Sarasota K-9 Search and Rescue responded to the remote area of Muse, Florida to assist investigators with the murder investigation of Davronjon Bakeev. The weather was hot and humid, but the canines and their handlers stayed true to form and exemplified the utmost professionalism from the time of arrival, through the final brief.

The above recognized members and their canines played a pivotal role in the investigation with their search. During the search, the canines indicated in an area where evidence was destroyed by fire nearly five years ago. This hit location would later prove to be vital evidence in the case. At present, the case remains an ongoing investigation, and I regret that I cannot share the exact nature of the evidence discovered by the canines; however, to my knowledge, this find or "sniff" is truly unique and surprising.

I just want to thank everyone who participated and let them know that the investigators were impressed with the Sarasota K-9 Search and Rescue response. It is truly great to see a group of people who volunteer their time to provide outstanding public service.

Sincerely,

Vaden S. Pollard
Special Agent
Florida Department of Law Enforcement