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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Stephen Hogue
Chief of Police

06/11/07

To: Pat Abrams
Sarasota K-9 Search and Rescue

From: Eric Houston, Detective
Tampa Police Department
Homicide Bureau

Subject: K-9 Search

Ma'am,

I would like to thank you and your team for responding to my request for a K-9 search on May 4th, 2007 at 8217 North 18th Street in Tampa. We had received information that a female named Nicki Hendriex had been murdered at this location approximately a year ago.

We had no information concerning where she may have been dumped or buried, however we opted to utilize Sarasota K-9 Search and Rescue on the chance that she was buried in the yard of the residence. K-9's from your team searched the back yard and alerted in the area of a haphazardly poured concrete slab near a storage shed.

On 05/23/07, members of the Tampa Police Department excavated the area under the slab. After digging down approximately six feet, we discovered the human remains of a female. She was later identified as Nicki Hendriex. It was also found that Hendriex was in fact the victim of a brutal murder.

Without the assistance of the Sarasota K-9 Search and Rescue team, we may have never discovered the body of Nicki Hendriex. Once again, thank you for all of your help.

Respectfully yours,

Detective Eric Houston
Tampa Police Department

