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July 14, 2005

Mr. Steve Barefoot, Owner & Handler
Sarasota Canine Search & Rescue
12725 River Road
Myakka City, Florida 34251

Dear Mr. Barefoot:

Detective Chris Hallisey of the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office submitted your name and those of Ruby and Mr. Wes Weysham as a nominee for the 2004-2005 Florida Missing Children's Day (FMCD) Trailing Team of the Year. This award recognizes a trailing team's exceptional or extraordinary effort in a missing child investigation.

On behalf of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Missing Children Information Clearinghouse Advisory Board, I commend you on your hard work and dedication in your training of Ruby, which prepared her to participate in the search for Carlie Brucia. In past years, the nominees have been recognized in Tallahassee. However, this year all nominees will be presented with a certificate of commendation at an event in or near your city. Larry Long, Public Information Officer in FDLE's Fort Myers Region, will be in contact with you regarding date, time, and location.

You are also invited to attend FMCD 2005 in Tallahassee. The event will be held on Monday, September 12, 2005, beginning with the Sponsors' Recognition Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. on the 22nd Floor of the Capitol. The formal ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the Capitol Courtyard. Governor Jeb Bush and Mr. John Walsh with "America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back" are invited as guest speakers. The nominees who attend will be asked to stand to be recognized during the formal ceremony. Please R.S.V.P. by Monday, August 15, 2005, to our Event Coordinator, Ms. Sandy Stevens at (850) 656-7777.

You or your agency will be responsible for transportation, meals, and lodging expenses. The FDLE Missing Children Advisory Board has blocked rooms at the Park Plaza Hotel, Tallahassee (formerly the Radisson Hotel) for \$65 plus tax per night, double or single. Please contact the hotel at (850) 224-3000 or 800-814-7000 and refer to FMCD 2005 to make your reservations and receive the above rate. Enclosed is a brochure with additional information about the hotel.

Congratulations on your, Mr. Weysham, and Ruby's nomination as the Trailing Team of the Year. It is evident that your diligent and dedicated actions contribute significantly to the safety of the children in Florida.

Sincerely,

Don Moreland
Chairman

DM/pr

Cc: Detective Chris Hallisey

Enclosures