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Ms. Pat Abrams, Team Leader  
Sarasota K9 Search and Rescue  
4730 Country Meadows Boulevard  
Sarasota, FL 34235

Dear Ms. Abrams:

Just a short note to thank you, and the members of the Sarasota K9 Search and Rescue unit, for the professionalism and manner in which you perform your duties. I've been made aware of the role Wes Weysham, Barb Moore, Terry Mindyukowski, and Denise Conrad played in locating the black box that belonged to the downed Shuttle in Texas and they are to be commended for a job well done.

Allow me to take this opportunity to thank you for the years of assistance you have provided to the citizens of not only Sarasota County, but across the country.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "William F. Balkwill".

William F. Balkwill, Sheriff

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