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Chief Greg Feagans
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REF: K-9 Search and Rescue Team

Dear Chief Feagans:

In October, 2001 a young female was reported missing from her Punta Gorda home. Since then Investigators have spent months searching every lead to help find 19 year old Tara Sidarovich. Members of the Sarasota County Search and Rescue Team came to Charlotte County on three separate occasions and assisted our department in this case; then in July 2002 bones were discovered in a remote area of Charlotte County, and later identified as those of the missing female.

On July 15th, 2002 our office contacted the Sarasota County K-9 Search and Rescue Team to assist our Investigators in a search where the discovery was made. With short notice and without hesitation, your members and their K-9 arrived in Charlotte County on the morning of July 16th, 2002 to assist. Your members and Charlotte County Sheriff's Detectives combed an area of Charlotte County looking for evidence relating to this case. Your members were instrumental in helping locate remains relevant to this case that might have gone undetected had it not been for the handlers.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank your members for a job well done. The search was a critical part of our investigation and the assistance they provided was outstanding. If we can ever be assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us. Again, we thank you.

Sincerely,

William E. Clement
Sheriff

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