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State of Florida
County of Lee

To: Mary Peter, Sam Pepenella, K9 Forensics Recovery Team, Inc.

Thru: Sheriff Mike Scott

From: Major Jeff Taylor

Ref: Miromar Dive Operations

Date: February 4, 2005

Mary and Sam, I would like to thank you for your assistance with the underwater recovery of the cadaver at the Miromar Lake on January 30, 2005. As you are aware, a vehicle was driven into the lake several days prior. The vehicle, which was occupied by two individuals, sank into the lake and the two individuals drowned. One of the victims was recovered on January 29, 2005. The Lee County Sheriff's Office Underwater Operations Unit was notified and responded to the lake. The vehicle was located by the divers and removed from the lake. After a search by the dive team, the second victim was not recovered.

On January 30, 2005, while you were working one another case with Detective John Long, you became aware of the situation and offered your services. You quickly responded to the lake with your canines. The canines searched the lake and several key areas were marked off. Divers searched the area and located the second victim.

The family of the victim was present at the lake and was certainly suffering because they believed that their loved one had drowned. Their suffering was compounded by the fact that their loved one had not been recovered from the lake. Without the assistance of K9 Forensics Recovery Team Inc., the second victim might not have been recovered for several more days.

Because of your professionalism and strong work ethic, the second victim was located in a timely manner and victim's family was not left waiting and wondering what had become of their loved one. Again thank you for your assistance and we are looking forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Major Jeff Taylor



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