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Scott Terry
Chief of Police
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RE: *Shepard Humphries/State vs. Mauro Lira Garcia*

Dear Chief Terry:

I wish to commend the outstanding investigative work of Shepard Humphries in the Mauro Lira Garcia case. As you know, the parents of an eight-year-old girl believed that their child had been sexually assaulted by the suspect who had been hanging around in the alleys near their neighborhood. Sadly, the parents had no idea how tragic the case really was.

In what has to be the finest child forensic interview I have ever seen, Shepard Humphries slowly brought out the whole story with the minor victim. With this information police were able to apprehend the suspect, Mauro Lira Garcia. Shepard Humphries then conducted an interview with the suspect which led to his confession to repeated acts of sodomy against the minor victim.

Shepard Humphries' interview with the minor child was so specific that your officers were able to locate and collect biological evidence from a heavily treed area in the front yard in downtown Jackson. The biological evidence, combined with the bullet-proof child and suspect interviews lead to a plea agreement which spared the minor child the additional trauma of competency hearings and trial and which landed the sexual predator in the penitentiary for a term of eighteen to twenty years, all of which he must serve before being deported to Mexico.

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In all of my years in law enforcement this case involves embodies true justice as much or more than any case I have ever been associated with. The outstanding results in this case had little or nothing to do with me or with my office. It was the immediate and direct result of the perfect investigative work of Shepard Humphries.

I hope that you find it fitting to forward this commendation and my personal gratitude to Shepard Humphries. His professionalism made a difference where it counts the most.

Very Truly Yours,



Stephen E. Weichman
County and Prosecuting Attorney

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