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Cpl. James A. Starling
FHP Troop B – Starke
2300 N. Temple Avenue
Starke, FL 32091

Re: Landeck vs. Florida Hardware, et al.

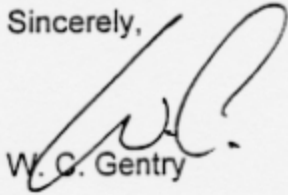
Dear Officer Starling:

I just wanted to let you know we have settled Mr. Landeck's case. On behalf of Mr. Landeck and his family, I want to thank you for the time you spent conferring with us about your investigation. I know that talking with lawyers may not be your favorite thing, but particularly in this case, it was essential for us to do our job properly.

This was a very complex series of collisions and the investigation apparently involved a number of problems that may have compounded the difficulty. I wanted to tell you, however, that in some 30 years of doing a lot of different types of accident reconstruction litigation, I think your work was probably the most thorough and best documented of any I have ever seen by public authorities. Unquestionably, there are questions that can be raised with some of the conclusions and findings. The amazing thing, given the magnitude of this project, is that there were relatively few disagreements by the "experts" who have spent countless hours reviewing the investigative reports. Given the very difficult circumstances at the scene, I think the work that was done and the ultimate report that was issued are quite remarkable. I know you worked with several other officers and I would appreciate your passing on our compliment. It is sincerely made and based upon having had to inherit a far different quality work product in other cases in many, many instances.

In all events, I wanted to express my personal appreciation for your professional courtesies to me and my clients.

Sincerely,


W. C. Gentry

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