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RE: State v. Frank Morse, Jr.

Dear Colonel Knight:

I am writing as a follow-up to a letter I sent you last year regarding the case of State of Florida v. Frank Morse, Jr. in Arcadia, Florida. In my previous letter I had expressed appreciation for the efforts and resources provided by our local Florida Highway Patrol Office and in particular Cpl. David Staley and Lt. James Potter.

On October 27, 2004, Frank Morse, Jr. was convicted of Felony Murder in the First Degree. This appropriate resolution was in no small part as a result of the significant efforts of Cpl. Staley.

Since the completion of the investigation, Cpl. Staley continued to assist in the preparation and presentation of the evidence to the jury. Lt. Potter made him available for everything necessary to successfully prosecute this case.

This combined effort is a great example for law enforcement everywhere.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lon Scott Arend".

Lon Scott Arend  
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