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Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Commissioner Gerald Bailey
2331 Phillips Road
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Dear Commissioner Bailey,

This is a difficult letter for me to write in light of my admiration for you as a leader and my wonderful thirty-three year history working with the dedicated men and women of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. Please know that a significant portion of the attached report concerns the conduct of two of your employees, SAC Dominic Pape and Agent Rusty Rodgers, not your agency as a whole.

Attached for your review is a comprehensive report and analysis concerning the death of a young woman who took her life on September 2, 2010 in St. Johns County. I urge you to personally read the entire document as I am certain that you will feel as I do; the substance of this report should be of paramount concern to all law enforcement leaders.

I am confident you will take the appropriate course(s) of action you deem necessary after your review of the attached report.

I would request at a minimum that you consider directing that an internal/administrative investigation be conducted concerning the conduct of SAC Pape and Agent Rodgers. *Additionally, I would ask that public records of FDLE e-mails, cell phone records and internal documents (generated or received by SAC Pape, ASAC Donaway, SA Brutnell, SA Rodgers and John Kemner) related to this case be preserved. Though they have not yet been requested, I anticipate that these public records requests are forthcoming.*

In the event that SAC Pape and Agent Rodgers continue to serve as law enforcement officers in this region after your agency has reviewed this case, I would ask that if either of them ever have to enter St. Johns County Sheriff's



Office property (including corrections facility) on official business that you direct them to check in with my office first. They of course can enter our lobby and other areas open to the general public. I realize this appears harsh but I am confident you will understand my concerns after reviewing the report.

Finally, members of your staff have been communicating with the media regarding this case. The attached report will be available to any interested members of the media and the general public.

Sincerely,


David B. Shoar
Sheriff