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April 14, 2013

Director Tim Miller
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Dear Mr. Miller:

On behalf of Sheriff Bobby Rader of the Liberty County Sheriff's Department, as well as Captain Don Neyland and Sgt. Investigator Paul Lasco of the Criminal Investigation Division, I would like to personally extend our appreciation to you and your fine organization, Texas EquuSearch, for the search assistance you rendered to our department on April 13, 2013. The search for "human remains" in a very dense and overgrown forest area just off CR 332 in the north portion of our county was exhausting the available manpower of our department. Your immediate response to our request and the additional forty-four (44) searchers with six (6) ATV's that you provided made it possible to expand our search operations and to do a more complete ground search for remains, as well as any possible evidence associated with the death of this unknown individual.

Sgt. Lasco mentioned several times to me how impressed he was with the professionalism, dedication and organized and methodical method in which the search teams conducted the search. Your Search Coordinator, Jack Boggess, kept the overall search operations very well focused and organized while Team Leader Eddie Arguijo kept the foot searchers directed and alert to any possible evidence that might be found. Team Leader Ron Overman also maintained a well disciplined and orderly "grid" search of the ATV's which resulted in full coverage over a much larger search area.

As well as all your personnel worked on this search, it was the opinion of Sgt. Lasco, who was the Incident Commander and is the lead Investigator

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on this case, that one searcher, Vaedra Bragg, through her diligence and persistence of actually being on "hands and knees" and digging through years of leaf coverage on the ground, probably found the one piece of evidence that could very well identify this victim through a DNA analysis. It is her obvious commitment to being totally thorough and meticulous in her search efforts that the LCSO feels she deserves a well-earned commendation and a sincere "thank you" from the investigative team who will be conducting further investigation on this case. At this time, it is felt that perhaps a DNA examination of the item found by Ms Bragg might help to bring a degree of resolution to some distraught family who has lost a loved one, as well as helping to, perhaps, clear this case in the near future.

Sheriff Rader and the entire department personnel look forward to a close working relationship with you and your Texas EquuSearch members in any future search efforts. May God continue to bless your efforts in bringing resolution to families who turn to you to locate their lost loved ones.

Sincerely,



Ken DeFoor
Captain
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