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Dear Gentlemen:

As all of you know, I have made an attempt to bring the parties to the table in an effort to get back to what I believed was the intended goal which is to protect our children. I have now been involved with two telephone conferences with opposing counsels involved in this matter. Through our discussions, I have attempted to find a way for the parties to work out any differences so that we can get back to that goal.

Even though Sheriff Dawsey was put on the defensive by being served with an Intent to Sue letter without any prior warnings or discussions with Mark Lunsford or his counsel, Sheriff Dawsey has remained unwavering in his willingness to continue to work with Mark Lunsford in an effort to better protect our children. Sheriff Dawsey has made it clear from my first communication with his counsel, Richard Wesch, on March 14, 2008, that if Mark Lunsford withdrew his notice and agreed not to sue the Citrus County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Sheriff Dawsey would sit down with Mark Lunsford and a representative from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children with the ultimate goal of making recommendations for changes

in policies and procedures when law enforcement is dealing with a missing child, if needed. In fact, Richard Wesch advised us today that they have already contacted the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in an effort to show their good faith in the process, and the Center has agreed to help. It is clear from our conversation today that Sheriff Dawsey's position remains unchanged, and it appears to me that this would accomplish Mark Lunsford's intended goals. First, Mark Lunsford would regain his good name, and this would be a very positive public relations event for both parties. Secondly, Mark Lunsford would be able to continue advocating for changes in policies and procedures as well as laws around our country to protect our children, and he could do so with someone who he has referred to as his older brother publicly in the past. Finally, this offer made by the Sheriff would enable all of the parties to re-focus their energy and attention to that which they have dedicated their lives. For Sheriff Dawsey, he can continue to protect and serve the residents of Citrus County as he has done for nearly 27 years. For Mark Lunsford, he can continue to bring positive change through the tragedy of the loss of his daughter, and Jessica can rest in peace without this threat of litigation which the media will sensationalize and escalate.

I would like to thank all of the attorneys who have been involved in this effort to bring resolution to this situation. Hopefully, Mark Lunsford will accept the offer that Sheriff Dawsey has extended so that the two can get back to protecting our children instead of defending their names and their actions. **Please provide a copy of this correspondence to Mark Lunsford. I am requesting that Richard Wesch contact me by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 28, 2008 to advise me whether or not Mark Lunsford's attorneys have sent a letter accepting Sheriff Dawsey's offer.** Obviously, the parties should continue to communicate with each other, but I will no longer participate in those discussions. Good luck, and I will pray for the only outcome that truly accomplishes the intended goals of all of the parties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen C. Diaco". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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