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January 14, 1991

Sheriff Robert D. Thoubboron  
Putnam County Sheriff's Office  
3 County Center  
Carmel, New York 10512

Re: People v. Jeffrey Deskovic  
Indictment No. 90-192

Dear Sir:

I am a trial assistant with the Westchester County District Attorney's office.

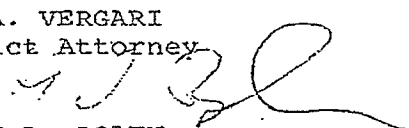
In December, 1990 I completed a jury trial presided over by the Hon. Nicholas Colabella wherein the defendant was convicted of two counts of Murder in the Second Degree, Rape in the First Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree in connection with the particularly brutal rape and murder of a fifteen year old girl in the City of Peekskill on November 15, 1989.

This case was perhaps one of the more difficult and problematical cases I have ever handled, especially in view of the fact that DNA and hair evidence ostensibly appeared to rule out defendant's involvement in these crimes. However, standing in marked contrast to this significant and seemingly insurmountable forensic evidence, were the events surrounding defendant's participation in a polygraph examination administered by Senior Investigator Daniel M. Stephens of your department on January 25, 1990. During the course of the various examination procedures conducted by Investigator Stephens, the defendant made certain inculpatory statements which Senior Investigator Stephens subsequently testified to, both at crucial pre-trial hearings and then the trial itself. In my opinion, this particular evidence played an extremely important role in ultimately persuading the jury of the defendant's guilt.

Senior Investigator Stephens is to be commended for the professional manner in which he conducted himself in this case and for the cooperation and assistance he rendered to both the Peekskill Police Department and our office. He indeed is a credit to himself and to your department.

Very truly yours,

CARL A. VERGARI  
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February 6, 1990

Robert D. Thoubboron  
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Carmel, NY 10512

Dear Sheriff Thoubboron:

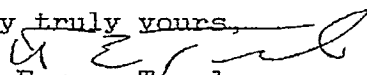
Recently we were assisted by Senior Investigator Daniel Stephens in a highly sensitive homicide death investigation of a 15 year old Peekskill resident who had been brutally beaten, raped and strangled to death.

Shortly after the discovery of her body in a secluded wooded area of the City, detectives assigned to the case developed a strong suspect, Jeffrey Deskovic, a 16 year old high school student.

Several interviews with the suspect failed to produce a confession vital to this case as a lack of physical evidence, witnesses or investigative leads had critically hampered its progress. Senior Investigator Stephens, at our request, scheduled a polygraph examination for Deskovic on Thursday, January 25th. Utilizing his skills, Investigator Stephens performed the examination and confirmed the suspects deception. Subsequently, he assisted us in a final interrogation during which Deskovic confessed to this heinous crime, and was immediately arrested.

Without his assistance, this highly publicized investigation could not have been successfully concluded. We commend Senior Investigator Stephens for a job well done, and offer our gratitude to you for graciously providing his expertise to this department. Dan is obviously reflective of your Department's unquestionable excellence in law enforcement. Again, we extend our thanks and anticipate a continuing relationship between our agencies in these matters of mutual concern.

Very truly yours,

  
Lt. Eugene Tumolo  
Commanding Officer  
Detective Division

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