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Date 04/04/2025

Chief Diane Hobbey-Burney
Fort Pierce Police Department
920 South US Highway 1
Fort Pierce, Florida 34950

IN Re: Recognition Detective David Teitelbaum

Dear Chief Hobbey-Burney,

On January 18, 2024, FDLE Fort Pierce Field Office agents assisted in Operation Safe Highways, a human trafficking and Fentanyl interdiction operation in conjunction with the Florida Highway Patrol, Department of Financial Investigations (CID), St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, the Fort Pierce Police Department, and Department of Homeland Security.

As a result of the operation, a subject, identified as David Leslie, was alleged to have been trafficking women out of the Sunset Inn, located at 1802 South US Highway 1 Fort Pierce, Florida. Leslie was said to have used both mental and physical abuse, as well as the women's addictions to illicit drugs to make them work. Ultimately, the investigation revealed that Leslie had promoted women to engage in commercial sexual activity for his own financial gain.

On April 2, 2025, David Leslie was formally charged by FDLE for Ct.1 Deriving Support from the Proceeds of Prostitution, F.S.S. 790.05(1) and (2)(b), and Ct.2 Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device F.S.S. 934.215 with a total bond of \$300,000.00

Detective David Teitelbaum throughout the investigation used his skills and pre-established relationships within the community to aide our agents with numerous contacts of both witnesses and victims. As the investigation progressed, Detective Teitelbaum worked tirelessly to obtain important leads and effectively communicated that information to the agents involved. Members of the FDLE Fort Pierce Field Office wish to express our sincere appreciation for Detective Teitelbaum's participation in bringing this case to a succesful resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael R. Bartus". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael R. Bartus
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Cc: Detective David Teitelbaum