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Mrs. Sheila Nesbitt
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Dear Mrs. Nesbitt:

I would like to acknowledge receipt of your letter received via facsimile on October 5th, 1998. First, let me express my sincerest sympathy on the loss of your son Ryan at Rolley Lake on July 21, 1998.

I have read your letter thoroughly and note your comments how you felt the police had failed to respond adequately. I also noted the trust that you placed in Carrie Dorrán and her canine 'Tunk' as well as the CPA Dive Team.

As you are aware, the limited manpower resources make it difficult for the police to be everywhere and do all things for all people especially during the busy summer holiday period. It is always a balancing act where our resources are placed considering the calls for service never stop. It was not our intention to abandon your family at the lake as we waited for developments to occur. It is most unfortunately that the ordeal at the lake lasted for so long and I can only imagine the extreme hardship that this placed on your family.

As I noted earlier, your candid letter is appreciated. I can tell you that I have already made contact with Carrie Dorrán as well as the personnel from the CPA Dive Team and hopefully will have a good working relationship in the future. In ending, although it may not have seemed like it to you in this case, it is our goal that the police and the community work side by side to ensure safe homes and safe communities. Again, my condolences to you and your family.

Yours truly,

(B.W. HOVEN)S/Sgt.
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