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LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Officer Varkalis,

Lt. Shaughnessy advised me of outstanding police work done by you in reference to a cyberstalking investigation on report number 2011-28220. According to Lt. Shaughnessy:

Ofc. Varkalis listened to and documented in his case report 27 voicemails stored in the victim's old cell phone to obtain elements of this felonious offense. His investigation will hopefully end six years of torment by the suspect to the complainant and her family. This was a lengthy investigation conducted by Patrol Officer Varkalis, who approached the victim's plight with such empathy and service that his performance brought credit upon him and the entire Department. He was not able to bring the case to the Prosecutor due to his status as a patrol officer; however, he had completed the entire investigation for the detective division's presentation to the States Attorney's Office.

Previous investigations were conducted by the Oak Forest Police Department regarding the suspect's actions, but Officer Varkalis' tenacity enabled prosecution to go forward on a felonious level and abate the suspect's harassment through electronic communication.

A Letter of Appreciation is given to an individual for the performance of an act that brings credit upon him and the entire Department. Lt. Shaughnessy advised that you were thorough and comprehensive in your investigation and displayed a high level of professionalism and your actions directly lead to the apprehension of a high level drug dealer.

I want to congratulate you on outstanding law enforcement services.

Gregory J. Anderson
Chief of Police