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New York's Elite Police Foundation, Inc.
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Dear Members,

I am writing today in order to thank you and your fine organization for the generous donation made in support of the Joseph Milligan family. While unnecessary I am sure due to your altruistic goals; I felt it important to tell you a little bit about "Joey" so your membership fully understands how grateful we are to New York's Elite Police Foundation, Inc. for what they have done for the family.

On Jan 3, 2020, Resident Agent in Charge Joseph "Joey" Milligan passed away during the night at his family home in Boston, Mass. Joey, his wife Jennifer and baby son James (1 yr) were finishing up the holiday season with family and friends when this tragedy occurred; further compounded by the fact that Joey was only 41 years of age and having no known medical conditions at the time of his sudden passing.

Needless to say, this loss was devastating to both his friends & family as well as ATF as Joey was well respected by his peers and loved/admired by everyone that had the privilege of knowing him.

Professionally, this was a tough loss because as any executive knows; losing one of your own isn't easy as you strive to see them properly honored for their years of service and sacrifice while simultaneously ensuring the welfare and future of their loved ones. Personally, I have known Joey his entire career in public service; first having met him many years ago when he was hired as a young "wet behind the ears" street agent in Miami, Florida wherein I had the dubious honor of training him and later becoming a close friend with him and his family. Most recently I had the honor of promoting him to his first supervisory role within the agency when he was assigned to lead the ATF Albany Field Office; a role he was already excelling at even though he had been there less than six months at the time of his death.