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Mr. Al Eskanazy, Co-Chairman
Mr. Barry Skolnick, Co-Chairman
Board of Directors
Greater Miami-Miami Beach Police Foundation
4775 Collins Ave, Unit 3603
Miami Beach, FL 33139

Dear Mr. Eskanazy and Mr. Skolnick,

I am writing once again to thank you and the entire Board of Directors of the Greater Miami – Miami Beach Police Foundation for its crucial help in solving a terrible homicide that occurred in South Beach. This is the second time in a little over a year that the Foundation's support to the Miami Beach Police Department has led directly to such a result, taking a killer off the streets.

On February 16, 2019, a person was shot and killed shortly before midnight near the corner of Collins Avenue and 14th Street. As our community fully expects when one of these rare events occurs, the full resources of the MBPD were mobilized to find the killer. We made a quick decision to release a \$5,000 reward offer – funded by the Foundation -- for anyone who would help us identify the killer. Within five days, we arrested the killer, thanks in large part to the vision the Foundation set a year ago to help the MBPD solve horrendous crimes through the smart use of a Reward Fund.

When this horrific crime occurred, we had few leads and many challenges to find the killer. We went to the media for help, releasing the suspect's picture from surveillance photos in the area. We offered the reward, and in short order, the Crime Stoppers Tip Line began to receive tips, boosting our detectives with new, valuable leads that contributed to the suspect's arrest.

Once again, the Foundation has made a difference, and all of Miami Beach is safer. On behalf of the entire MBPD investigative team, please convey my thanks and admiration to the entire Board of the Foundation. We are deeply indebted and forever grateful.

Sincerely,



Daniel J. Oates
Chief of Police

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