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Michael Higginbotham Division President P&O Global Technologies Inc. 224 Commercial Boulevard Lauderdale-By-The-Sea, FL 33308

Dear Mr. Higginbotham:

I wished to update you regarding the performance of the web-camera surveillance network your firm has provided during the siege of hurricanes Broward County has been forced to endure. None of the cameras went out of service. All provided us with real time information and remained controllable throughout these storms. Video from the pier, Holiday Inn and the city park was invaluable. In several instances people were located lingering in areas where their early removal prevented their injury and improved public safety. This information was used to direct our resources staged along the beachhead. We have a secondary command post at Holy Cross Hospital, which we use for those periods of the storm where it is not safe to remain on the barrier island. The category three storm did not force the sheriffs office off of the island; however, I did test the laptop computer at Holy Cross and found it to work quite well from the car with just a standard air card. This test ensured me that we would have images of current weather conditions from our command post during the time we had to seek shelter on the mainland.

Subsequent to the storm my superiors commented on the usefulness of the system and the ease with which multiple viewers can have access to the same images simultaneously. Sharing images makes explaining your decisions much easier. Thanks again for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Sgt. Van E. Hamlin

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