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Mr. Jim Kane, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Kane

On behalf of the Steubenville Police Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, we wish to share with you some of the success our departments have experience with our CVSA II.

Utilizing funds from the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant in 2006, we attend the November 2006 training in Mentor, Ohio. Though some of our attending officers headed to the training with some apprehension of this new device, the training and immediate use of the CVSA's use wiped any disbelief from their minds! We also found other county departments seeking use of the CVSA in a number of criminal investigations.

Used primarily in criminal investigations, our departments have found particular success with the CVSA in child sexual abuse cases. Even with the recent marriage of research and practice bettering officers' child interviewing skills, helping them acquire unbiased /court ready disclosures from children, these cases are still are plagued with difficulties. Delayed disclosures from the children, no physical evidence, family fear, and no eyewitnesses are just a few problems to overcome. Yet, in just the last year (2008-09) we have obtained six (6) confessions from sexual predators when using the CSVA. The combined jail sentence of just four of these six (6) subjects is over 51 years in the state prison, also resulting in safer neighborhood for our children.*

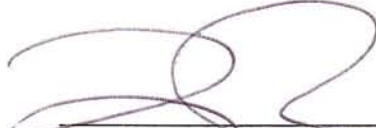
Our recent successes attracted both NBC News 9 (Steubenville) as well as a mention of the CVSA's in the local Herald Star Newspaper.

We highly recommend the CVSA to any other department. We are planning to send more officers to become trained in its proper use. Though we understand the CVSA only serves as a tool in our investigations, it has provided a powerful and silent aid to our departments, especially in defending the younger, less vocal voices of our children.

Sincerely,



Chief William A. McCafferty



Det. Jean-Philippe Rigaud

* Bernard Brown (8yrs), Randy Barnhart(5-40yrs), Paul Knox(1yr), and George Faircloth(2yrs)

