**Sample “Dear John” Letter Sent to Registered Owners of Vehicles Seen in Areas Known for Street Prostitution**

RALEIGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

Jane Perlov, Chief of Police

110 S. McDowell Street

P.O. Box 590

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[DATE]

[FIRST\_NAME] [LAST\_NAME]

[ADDRESS\_1] [ADDRESS\_2]

[CITY], [STATE] [ZIP\_CODE]

Dear Mr./Ms. [LAST\_NAME]:

On [DATE] at approximately [TIME], a [MAKE] [MODEL] registered in your name with North

Carolina license plate [LICENSE\_PLATE] was observed at [STREET\_BLOCK], which is an area

where residents have expressed concerns about crimes that affect their quality of life, including

prostitution and drug dealing. The police department is actively addressing these chronic problems

in the community through surveillance, patrols, and Neighborhood Watch programs. For the

public’s safety, we encourage everyone to be aware of his or her surroundings and to report any

suspicious activity to 911. If you no longer own the above vehicle or if this notice was sent in error,

please disregard it.

The Raleigh Police Department is working closely with citizens to improve the quality of life in our

neighborhoods. If you have any questions or would like more information about our efforts to

reduce crime, fear and disorder in Raleigh, please call Captain Al White, District 24 Commander, at

(919) 857-4455.

Sincerely,

Chief Jane Perlov

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Estimado/a Sr./Sra. [LAST\_NAME]:

El [FECHA], aproximadamente a la(s) [TIME], un [MAKE] [MODEL] registrado bajo su nombre,

con placa de Carolina del Norte [LICENSE\_PLATE] fue visto en [STREET\_BLOCK], la cual es

una área cuyos residentes han expresado preocupación por los crímenes que afectan su calidad de

vida, incluyendo prostitución y tráfico de drogas. El departamento de policía está atacando

activamente éste problema crónico en la comunidad, a través de vigilancia, patrullaje, y el programa

de Vigilancia Comunitaria.

Por razones de seguridad pública, estamos recomendándole a todos, de que estén conscientes de sus

alrededores, y de reportar cualquier actividad sospechosa al 911. Por favor descarte ésta carta, si

usted ya no es dueño de éste vehículo, o si ésta carta fue enviada por error.

El Departamento de Policía de Raleigh está trabajando muy de cerca con los ciudadanos para

mejorar la calidad de vida en nuestros vecindarios. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, o si le gustase

obtener mas información acerca de nuestros esfuerzos para reducir el crimen, el temor y el desorden

en Raleigh, por favor comuníquese con el Capitán Al White, Comandante del Distrito 24, al (919)

857-4455.

Sinceramente,

Chief Jane Perlov

Jefe de la Policía de Raleigh

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