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Greetings Registered Vehicle Owner,

This letter is being sent to you because on \_\_\_\_\_ your vehicle was identified as a vehicle that may have been involved in criminal activity. Your vehicle was observed at \_\_\_\_\_ an area within the city limits of Sarasota known for prostitution related crimes. The driver or occupant of your vehicle engaged in conversation with either: (1) a known prostitute (an individual who has been previously convicted of a violation of Florida Statutes §796.07), or (2) an undercover law enforcement officer posing as a prostitute.

The Sarasota Police Department has a "NO TOLERANCE" policy regarding any prostitution related crimes within the City of Sarasota. Vehicle owners may suffer consequences if their vehicles are used in violation of Florida's criminal statutes, including substantial fines under Sarasota City Code §33-271 or forfeiture of the vehicle under Florida's Contraband Forfeiture Act.

Prostitution is not a victimless crime. Quality of life issues are high priorities in our community and prostitution leads to many other crimes including drug violations, nuisance crimes, theft, battery and sexual assaults. We care about the health and well being of all of our citizens.

Those who personally engage in prostitution related activities within the City of Sarasota subject themselves to arrest and criminal prosecution. Arrest reports, booking information, and booking photos are public records and are routinely released to newspapers and other media outlets and published on social media services.

This letter is advisory and for informational purposes only. There are no criminal charges pending, nor will the Sarasota Police Department be taking further action in relation to your vehicle at this time.

Any questions or comments relating to this matter can be directed to Street Crimes Unit Sergeant Demetri Konstantopoulos, who may be contacted at 941-954-7083. SPD Case # \_\_\_\_\_ was generated documenting this incident.

Be safe,

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