



CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG

Police Department

1300 First Avenue North
St. Petersburg, Florida 33705

June 19, 2015

Chief Edwin F. Flint
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Chief Flint:

I would like to take a minute to thank you and your agency for its assistance in a very complicated case involving the investigation of James D. Gluz for multiple crimes. I would also like to point out the efforts of Sergeant Alfredo Garducci in particular.

James Gluz, a resident of our city, had been engaging in the criminal acts of stalking and making extremely violent death threats to individuals and businesses - including threats to murder and place explosive devices. The initial investigation revealed Gluz to have a connection to your city. After reaching out to Sergeant Garducci, he worked tirelessly to assist me with building a criminal case against Gluz which eventually involved a criminal charge in your jurisdiction as well.

As time passed, the case grew larger and ultimately involved the Atherton Police Department, the Treasure Island (Florida) Police Department, the St Petersburg (Florida) Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Such an investigation involving so many agencies could never have worked so effectively if not for the professionalism and diligence of everyone involved.

On June 04, 2015, Gluz was arrested and charged with Threatening to Place an Explosive Device. During his arrest, I was attacked by Gluz, receiving serious injury, and Gluz was additionally charged with Aggravated Battery Against a Law Enforcement Officer. This brazen and violent attack clearly demonstrates the risk Gluz posed to both of our communities.

This instance is a clear demonstration of the value and benefit of agencies working together as a single unit to accomplish a common goal, and your agency was absolutely invaluable in this investigation.

Sincerely,

Bryan Wood, Detective
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St Petersburg Police Department