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Dennis M. Sweeney  
Judge (Retired)

February 6, 2013

Honorable Ron Bateman  
Sheriff  
Anne Arundel County  
44 Calvert Street  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Sheriff Bateman:

I wanted to thank you and your staff for the excellent work done during the recent trial of State v. Leopold. I have been involved in many high profile cases in the past twenty years in various courts around the State, but I have never seen a better job done by a Sheriff's Office in providing the court with protection and management of the trial process.

From my observations, your officers were diligent in performing their duties and handled the courtroom duties with courtesy and patience while ensuring that the trial was orderly and conducted within the rules we had established. It was a smooth and fair process thanks in no small part to your well trained officers. Please express my thanks to them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dennis M. Sweeney".

Judge Dennis M. Sweeney

cc: Judge Nancy Davis-Loomis  
Doug Hofstedt