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July 30, 2009

Mr. Robert Bartolotta
City of Sarasota, City Manager
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Dear Mr. Bartolotta:

I have received your official request for the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office to assist the City of Sarasota by conducting an administrative investigation into the events surrounding the arrest of Mr. Juan G. Perez by Sarasota Police. Pursuant to our verbal commitment to assist in this matter, I have assigned Colonel James Previterra from our agency to head the investigation. Detectives experienced in conducting internal investigations will assist Colonel Previterra.

Colonel Previterra will contact your office to arrange the steps necessary to initiate the investigation. Be assured that we are committed to conduct a thorough and impartial investigation of the facts surrounding this case and the actions of the police department following it. We take our obligation to the city and the citizenry seriously and will conduct the investigation with urgency; but our priorities shall be to ensure completeness and accuracy.

I will remain available to you throughout the investigation and can be reached for any reason should you need me at (813) 247-8002.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jose M. Docobo".

Jose M. Docobo
Chief Deputy

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Sheriff David Gee
Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office
2008 East 8th Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33605

Dear Sheriff Gee:

In furtherance of my duties and obligations as City Manager for the City of Sarasota, and pursuant to the general authority vested in my office under Article V, Section 5(k) of the City Charter, I am requesting that your office assist the City of Sarasota in conducting a thorough and comprehensive administrative investigation into recent circumstances involving the Sarasota Police Department. Specifically, I am requesting your investigative assistance into the arrest and custody of Mr. Juan G. Perez on June 26, 2009, and the subsequent acts or omissions of individuals within the Sarasota Police Department or any other departments under my control.

As part of this request, I would ask that you assign an appropriate team of individuals to perform this service. The selected individuals will be acting as agents of my office and the City of Sarasota for the specific purpose of performing a proper administrative investigation.

It is my hope that initiating this administrative investigation with the assistance of your personnel will ensure that the City of Sarasota, and its constituents, receives the benefits of a qualified, complete and impartial inquiry into this matter.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Bartolotta,
City Manager