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Subject: RE: Trap and Trace Confidentiality
Date: Monday, April 20, 2009 10:29:57 AM

Thank you. Your attentiveness to this issue is greatly appreciated. Have a great week!!

From: Robert Estrada [restrada@northportpd.com]
Sent: Monday, April 20, 2009 9:15 AM
To: Kenneth Castro
Cc: Terry Lewis; Kevin Vespia
Subject: FW: Trap and Trace Confidentiality

Sgt. Castro, we have changed the PCA within the agency after consulting with the SAO. The PCA that was already within the court system according to the SAO will have to remain since it has already been submitted. At some point and time the SAO will submit the changed document as an addendum. We have implemented within our detective bureau to not use this investigative tool on our documents in the future.

From: Kevin Vespia
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2009 7:54 AM
To: Robert Estrada
Subject: FW: Trap and Trace Confidentiality

Bob,

If we did this, can you please look into this and come up with a plan on how we correct it? We need to address this ASAP. Thanks

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From: Terry Lewis
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let me know what u find

From: Kenneth Castro [mailto:Kenneth.Castro@sarasotagov.com]
Sent: Wed 4/15/2009 11:25 AM
To: Terry Lewis
Cc: Tom Laughlin; Curt Holmes; Paul Sutton
Subject: Trap and Trace Confidentiality

Good Morning Chief,

I just received a phone call from one of our detectives (Tom Laughlin) who is assigned to the U.S. Marshalls Task Force out of Tampa. He received a call from the ASA Craig Schaefer regarding some concerns. Schaefer advised him that they received a PCA regarding a North Port PD Case 09-031066 in where the detective specifically outlined the investigative means used to locate the suspect. As you are aware for some time now, the US Marshalls and I believe FDLE have had equipment which enables law enforcement to ping a suspects cell phone and pin point his/her exact location in an effort to apprehend suspects involved in serious crimes. In the past, and at the request of the U.S. Marshalls, the investigative means utilized to locate the suspect have not been revealed so that we may continue to utilize this technology without the knowledge of the criminal element. In reports or depositions we simply refer to the assistance as " received information from a confidential source regarding the location of the suspect." To date this has not been challenged, since it is not an integral part of the actual crime that occurred.

The ASA was not sure what agency your Detective Sinehth used that had the equipment that enabled him/her to locate his suspect. They were concerned as we all are, that by providing these specifics on a pca, could jeopardize future investigations attempting to locate fugitives. The Tampa Office of the US Marshalls was not involved in the case, and they are not aware of who was. If this is in fact one of your cases, could you please entertain either having the Detective submit a new PCA and seal the old one, or at minimum instruct the detectives for future cases, regarding the fact that it is unnecessary to provide investigative means to anyone outside of law enforcement , especially in a public document. Please note that I am passing information on to you, and I have not been able to confirm that the case or detective are affiliated with NPPD.

Thank You

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