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Joseph Occhipinti, Executive Director
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RE: Unsolved Murder of Darien Police Officer Kenneth Bateman, Jr.

Dear Mr. Occhipinti:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 28, 2014 informing me of the availability of a \$10,000 Safe Cop reward for information leading to the arrest conviction of the person(s) responsible for the May 31, 1981 murder of Darien Police Officer Kenneth E. Bateman, Jr.

Officer Bateman, 34, was shot and killed at approximately 3:30 AM while responding to an activated burglar alarm at a local fast food restaurant located in Darien on US 1 adjacent to Interstate 95. An exchange of gunfire between Off. Bateman and a suspect resulted in Off. Bateman being fatally wounded. To date this investigation, while active, has not resulted in any arrests. Off. Bateman left behind his wife, Barbara, and his parents, Gladys and Kenneth, Sr.; Off. Bateman's parents have since passed away.

I am grateful for organizations such as the National Police Defense Foundation and its Safe Cop program. Please accept this letter as an official request to have Off. Bateman's case included in this program. I am fully aware that any reward payment is contingent upon any defendant's conviction for Off. Bateman's murder and certification from either the State's Attorney or myself that the citizen who provided the information was critical to obtaining the defendant's arrest and conviction. I further acknowledge that the reward is not available to any active or retired law enforcement officer or co-conspirator involved in Off. Bateman's murder.

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Once again, thank you for this opportunity and the good work of your Foundation. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 203-662-5310.

Sincerely,



Duane J. Lovello
Chief of Police

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cc: David Cohen, State's Attorney's Office
Norwalk/Stamford District

Lt. George Vitone, Darien Police Dept.