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Mr. Rick Wiese  
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RE: **PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
-vs-  
**GREGORY L. HULLUM, CASE NOS. 2006-CF-  
1142, 2006-CF-1527**

Dear Mr. Wiese:

I am writing this letter to inform you of how helpful the video-recording system that you installed for the Springfield Police Department has been for us as we prosecute violent crimes.

As you may have learned from the news, our office recently secured a 100 year sentence on a career criminal named Gregory Hullum. Mr. Hullum was responsible for a rash of 14 armed robberies where one man was shot and the defendant attempted to shoot others. His defense attempted to discredit the police and they proceeded with a motion to suppress evidence of his guilt. In ruling against the defense, the trial judge relied entirely upon the video taped evidence from your system. He credited the recording with making his job very easy.

The recording system documented the good work done by the detectives, which ensured that a dangerous felon will spend the rest of his life in prison. The evidence your system collected resulted in a conviction which helped make Springfield a safer community. Thank you for your continued assistance.

Very truly yours,

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By: 

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1 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
2 SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
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4 PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS,

5 Plaintiff,

6 vs.

7 NO. 06-CF-1142  
8 06-CF-1527

9 GREGORY HULLUM,

10 Defendant.

11 REPORT OF EXCERPT OF PROCEEDINGS of the hearing held  
12 before the HONORABLE LEO J. ZAPPA on the 12th day of  
13 January, 2007.  
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15 APPEARANCES:

16 MR. STEVE WEINHOEFT,  
17 First Assistant State's Attorney &  
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19 Assistant State's Attorney on behalf of  
20 the State of Illinois;

21 MR. MONROE McWARD,  
22 Attorney on behalf of the Defendant.

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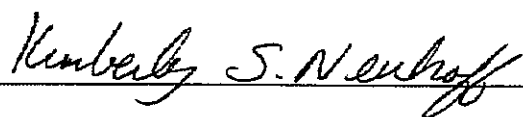
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THE COURT: The three-hour tape, from my past experience as a prosecutor, now as a judge, is one of the best audio/video statements that I have ever seen taken, and it's three hours back and forth, not just pressure from police or anything of that sort, but a conversation taking place between a suspect and police officers, and, frankly, your -- your client is very conversant throughout the three hours as opposed to somebody who had been under the influence of alcohol or drugs who would have been stumbling and mumbling all over the place.

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6 I, Kimberly S. Neuhoff, an Official Court Reporter  
7 for the Circuit Court of Sangamon County, Seventh Judicial  
8 Circuit of Illinois, do hereby certify that I reported in  
9 shorthand the proceedings had on the hearing in the  
10 above-entitled cause; that I thereafter caused the  
11 foregoing to be transcribed into typewriting, which I  
12 hereby certify to be a true and accurate transcript of the  
13 proceedings held before the HONORABLE LEO J. ZAPPA,  
14 Judge of said Court.  
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21 Kimberly S. Neuhoff  
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23 Dated this 2nd day  
24 of February, 2007.