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Mr. Frangipani:

The Cranford Police Department's Detective Bureau recently investigated a case of harassment. This was not ordinary harassment. This involved a female victim who was receiving hundreds and hundreds of unsolicited and unwanted items through the mail. Items included everything from ceramic dolls to cutlery sets to memberships at health spas and book clubs.

During our investigation numerous mail order companies were able to send us the original filled out cards.

Two suspects were formulated. Both were interviewed. One suspect vehemently denied any involvement. The second confessed admitting to his infatuation with our victim. Based on this confession he could have been charged with numerous indictable crimes as well as Federal crimes for using the U.S. Mail. To the untrained eye both suspects had identical hand writing. It was at this time that I spoke with you. Exemplars were forwarded the results astounding.


The suspect who had previously confessed was indeed not the criminal. In fact it was the second suspect who had originally vehemently denied any involvement. When confronted with your findings the second suspect confessed and criminal charges filed.

To Protect and Serve

It was then learned that the original suspect suffers mental deficiencies causing him to confess to a crime that he had nothing to do with.

Your professionalism and expertise in Document Examination was the single thread that ultimately identified the true perpetrator. More importantly however your dedication and expertise prevented an innocent man from being criminally charged and ultimately incarcerated.

Sincerely,



**Detective Sergeant Francis Harley
Criminal Investigations Supervisor**