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Robert P. Kochen
CHIEF OF POLICE

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Open Letter
Residents along Belcher Drive and surrounding streets

Reference: May 28, 2014 Homicide at 1310 Belcher Drive
Tarpon Springs Police Case #2014-1802

Residents,

On or about May 28, 2014 Doctor Steven Patlin Schwartz was murdered while in his home at 1310 Belcher Drive. This is a tragic and sad event for the family of Doctor Schwartz and the community.

This letter is being disseminated to the residents along Belcher Drive and the adjoining streets to let you know that the Tarpon Springs Police Department, Pinellas County Sheriff's Forensic Unit, and other law enforcement agencies (both local and State) are thoroughly investigating this murder in order to bring the person(s) involved to justice. Based on our investigation thus far we are confident that this was not a random act of violence, and that this occurrence was focused solely on 1310 Belcher Drive.

The Tarpon Springs Police Department will maintain a high patrol presence in the area of 1310 Belcher Drive and area residents are being asked to come forward with any information they have regarding the murder of Doctor Schwartz by calling 727-938-2849.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of Doctor Steven Schwartz.

Respectfully,


Chief Robert P. Kochen

Cc: Media, City Manager, City Commission, T.S.P.D. Command Staff, File



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