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**NEWS RELEASE  
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**SHERIFF STEVE MOORE'S STATEMENT PART 2:**

I now wish to address the Tracy Melton case. To the Melton family and the community at large I accept responsibility for our failure to provide notification to the family upon our receipt of identity confirmation of Ms. Melton last April. There are no excuses forth coming; only the pledge that we will do whatever we can in support of the Melton family in this case. Further, an internal review is being conducted and new procedures are being developed to make sure this very unfortunate incident does not occur in the future.

I do need to correct an error in the recent news article which related that Ms. Melton's remains had been found by a road crew in the Linden area, the actual location was in the area of Holt Road and Highway 4. There was an intensive search of the area for any additional evidence when the remains were discovered in 2003, however, we shall resurvey the scene for any possible evidence.

Again I wish to express my deepest regrets to the Melton family.