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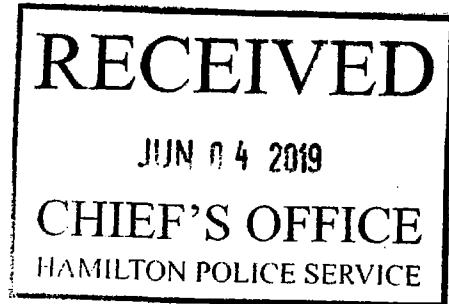
Food Safety Systems Development Branch

May 23, 2019

Eric Girt
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Div 3 Command

Call Chief
04 June 2019



RE: Sgt. John Barron, Constables Daren Smith, Katrina Farrell, Stephen Schotel and Jacek Przednowek.

Dear Chief Girt,

Thank you for the assistance of Sgt. John Barron, Constables Daren Smith, Katrina Farrell, Stephen Schotel and Jacek Przednowek on one of our agriculture investigations.

Over the course of a one-year period, officers from your service were called to 1659 Highway 5 West in Flamborough, by concerned neighbours, regarding the possible illegal slaughter of animals on the property. The officers made excellent observations, took notes and forwarded the information to our unit for further follow up.

On August 21, 2018, with assistance from your officers, investigators from the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs entered the property and stopped a large scale slaughter of animals and prevented the illegal transportation of uninspected meat from the property and entering the food chain.

On May 22, 2019 Mr. Abdalssamia Ali, who was operating the property, pleaded guilty in Hamilton Provincial Court to several charges under the *Food Safety and Quality Act*.

I have been advised by the Lead Investigator that these officers displayed a high degree of professionalism and excellent interpersonal skills, which were very helpful to the interactions with the large group of people on the property, as well as with the person of interest. We



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greatly appreciate the willingness of your staff to assist, and the time spent to support our goal of keeping our communities and our food safe for all.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amber Bringleston".

Amber Bringleston
Manager, Regulatory Compliance Unit
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C: Glenn Jarvie, Supervisor – Agriculture Investigations Unit