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Mr. Peter C. Piccione, Jr.
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RE: Lafayette Optimist Club
RESPECT FOR LAW PROGRAM

Dear Sir,

The Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office nominates Sergeant Kip Judice for the "**Law Officer of the Year**" award. Sergeant Judice is a (20) twenty-year veteran of the Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office and has served the citizens of Lafayette Parish as a dispatcher, patrol deputy and forensic investigator.

Sergeant Judice is presently the supervisor of the Criminal Intelligence Unit. The primary goal of the Criminal Intelligence Unit is to collect, evaluate, and disseminate information on known or suspected criminal violators, groups, or organizations which directly, or indirectly, affect the welfare of the residents of Lafayette Parish and the state of Louisiana. The unit issues parole notifications, officer safety bulletins, wanted vehicle bulletins, wanted persons bulletins and handles sex offender registrations.

During the calendar year 2004 the Criminal Intelligence Unit processed 312 parole notifications, issued 536 bulletins and handled 194 sex offender registrations. Additionally, the unit assisted other LPSO divisions with 70 cases and 14 outside agencies with 203 cases. The unit is actively involved with the Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council and attends meetings and shares information with the Louisiana State Police, FBI, and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs.

Of recent note, Sgt. Judice obtained information concerning the congregation of a group of young adults who were allegedly in the infancy stages of a gang. The information suggested a breach of peace was expected at a local chain restaurant. The Intelligence Unit acted on the information and instituted surveillance of the suspect location. The surveillance team, under the supervision of Sgt. Judice, witnessed a criminal act and immediately intervened and affected an arrest thereby preventing a larger brawl and further injury. This action on the part of the Intelligence Unit resulted in an effective enforcement effort that successfully circumvented any further organization by the group.



Sergeant Judice is nominated for this recognition based upon the accomplishments of his unit that is comprised of only two other investigators under his supervision. Sgt. Judice demonstrates a high level of expertise and is uniquely qualified to guide the Intelligence Unit. He displays a strong personal commitment to both his fellow law enforcement officers and the community he serves.

Respectfully,

Capt. Debbie Brasseaux

Captain Debbie Brasseaux
Criminal Investigations Commander