

City of New Orleans
Department of Police

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Dr. Charles Humble, Chairman &
Chief Executive Officer
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Dear Dr. Humble:

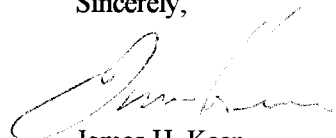
The New Orleans Police Department, whose motto is "To Protect and Serve," is responsible for the safety of the citizens and visitors to the City of New Orleans. New Orleans is one of the largest cities in the southeastern United States. Not only are there over 500,000 residents, many thousands of tourists from all over the world visit New Orleans on a daily basis. Our Police Department is world renowned for its crowd control during one of the largest events hosted by our city, the Mardi Gras. In addition to many large-scale conventions, New Orleans hosts the Bayou Classic, Sugar Bowl, Essence Festival and occasionally, the Super Bowl.

The Investigative Support Division of the New Orleans Police Department is mainly responsible for offenses against persons (homicide, rape, child abuse, etc.) In 1994, the Homicide Section office purchased its first Computer Voice Stress Analyzer (CVSA) equipment. Five police officers attended the first "CVSA" school in 1994. Over the last eight years, forty-four police officers have been trained in its use. The New Orleans Police Department currently has (17) CVSA's being utilized in various investigative divisions. This department has conducted slightly over 1,500 CVSA examinations and no longer utilizes the polygraph..

In addition to criminal investigations, the Homicide Section is responsible for CVSA testing for the entire department. Presently, police officer and other department applicants are screened using CVSA equipment. On any given week, five to ten applicants are examined by certified, CVSA examiners, eliminating those unsuitable. On average, the New Orleans Police Department has examined approximately two hundred applicants per year since 1994.

The New Orleans Police Department has found the Computerized Voice Stress Analyzer method of truth verification to be a reliable and a very worthwhile investigative tool. Its use in the investigation of crime and applicant screening has proven extremely valuable to the New Orleans Police Department.

Sincerely,



James H. Keen
Commander of Homicide

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