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To whom it may concern:

The Newton County (MO) Sheriff's Office has had the CVSA as a valued tool in our organization for quite sometime now and we have used it in many cases to identify suspects and eliminate uninvolved persons.

Our most recent case was that of a missing 9 year old girl, Rowan Ford, from Stella, Missouri. Initially reported as a runaway/missing child, it quickly became a case of suspected abduction. Several factors of the case lead to suspicion of the step father and a friend of his. Later that night during questioning, they agreed to a CVSA exam. The results of that exam indicated deception. This helped investigators confirm their suspicions and to place more of the focus of the investigation on these two men.

The body of Rowan Ford was recovered from a cave on the morning of seventh day of the investigation. Later that day, her step father, David Spears and his friend, Chris Collings, confessed to the kidnaping, rape and murder of Rowan Ford.

The CVSA helped to confirm the initial suspicions of the investigators. It enabled them to move confidently forward with the investigation and focus more on Spears and Collings despite the initial lack of physical evidence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Leavens", is written over a circular blue stamp. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Captain Richard Leavens