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# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

SAN JUAN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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10/28/11

To: Mr. Paul McQueary and the San Juan Rotary Club

I have spent over 20 years in law enforcement and have battled the evils of illegal drugs and the effects it has had on our community.

Meth has been the preferred drug in our county for the majority of time that I have been a law enforcement officer. I have worked investigations from traffic accidents to homicides that were directly related to meth use. Eighty to ninety percent of all property crimes are directly linked to meth.

It is estimated that over 10,000 meth users reside in San Juan County which has a population of only 130,000 citizens. There are three simple ways of addressing the drug epidemic. They are: Prevention - Enforcement - Treatment.

In San Juan County prevention was not being utilized to its potential until you and your committee of Rotarians from the San Juan Rotary Club started the Don't Meth With Us program, which was introduced into the schools and is a true prevention tool. This program has already reached thousands of children and has grown in popularity and effectiveness.

The Rotary's Don't Meth with Us program has been instrumental in helping to end meth use with our youth and effecting a 64% drop in overall drug use in our juvenile population.

I have personally witnessed our young adults state that they attended the anti-meth program by Rotary and it had opened their eyes to the danger of meth use and it was the deciding factor to "NOT" experiment with meth or other drugs.

I would like to thank you and the San Juan Rotary Club for their service and dedication to our community.

**THANK YOU.**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken Christesen", written over a horizontal line.

Sheriff Ken Christesen

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