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Sent: Tuesday, September 17, 2013 10:23 AM
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To: Darby Lowe
Subject: FW: GRACE Press Conference
Attachments: PR-Cville-Alb-GRACE.docx

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Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 1:20 PM
To: Pam Moran; Matthew Haas; Jeff Villio; jenna.easton@comcast.net; Board of Supervisors members; Tom Hanson; Tom Foley; Doug Walker; Denise Lunsford; alerome79@embarqmail.com; drmaryfrancesporter@gmail.com; Albert Stokes; Anne Ternes; Brian McGinn; Cecil Thompson; Clinton White; Darby Lowe; Diane Kuknyo; Diantha McKeel; Francesca Zavacky; Gary Clore; Gretchen Ellis; James Pierce; Jeffrey Aaron; Jim Hope; June Jenkins; Karen McGee; Kathy Galvin; Lehman Bates; Mary Donald; Nichole Ocheltree; Petie Craddock; Phil Stinnie; Ron Huber; Ronnie Roberts; Steve Sellers; Tim Aylor; Tim Longo
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From: Darby Lowe
Sent: Wednesday, September 18, 2013 2:51 PM
To: Denise Lunsford
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I am happy to go. They were supposed to talk about it at the regular GRACE meeting on 9/26 which I am going to.

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To: jimmyculver@me.com
Subject: FW: Erskine incident

Hi Jimmy

The police are putting together a press release now. I will get a copy to you when they finalize it.

From: dylunsford@gmail.com [mailto:dylunsford@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2013 8:27 AM
To: Denise Lunsford
Subject: Fwd: Erskine incident

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: James Culver <jimmyculver@me.com>
Date: October 22, 2013 at 7:03:01 AM EDT
To: Lunsford Denise <dylunsford@gmail.com>
Subject: Erskine incident

Hi Denise,

I am glad that everything worked out Saturday with Erskine and that she is home. Since that incident, I have had several inquiries from residents who are concerned that someone could have been abducted in Dunlora. As much as I can gather from public reports from the media, the investigation as to what happened is on-going. I am sure that there will be questions about this at the annual meeting on Wednesday. I would like to be able to reassure residents as best I can that Dunlora is safe and that residents don't need to be concerned that there is someone still at-large that poses a threat to their children. Is there any information you or the police department can give me to pass on to residents? I realize, of course, that with an on-going investigation there is likely very limited info you can provide, but I would just like to be able to make some statement to residents that the police department does not think there is a current threat from someone who has not yet been arrested.

Thanks
Jimmy Culver

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From: Carter Johnson
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2014 7:36 PM
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Attachments: Homicide Investigation - Jan. 22, 2014.docx

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Denise Lunsford

From: Jim Hope
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 9:57 AM
To: Denise Lunsford
Subject: RE: Question

Ridiculous!!

From: Denise Lunsford
Sent: Thursday, January 23, 2014 9:29 AM
To: Philip Giles; Jim Hope
Subject: Fwd: Question

Y'all okay with this? And when did the PD start to care about FB questions?

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

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