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BROWARD COUNTY COURTHOUSE FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA 33301

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Mr. Kurt Varricchio

Plantation, Florida 33313

Dear Kurt:

Since signing your first Order of Community Control in 1980 and your subsequent "ventures" with Judge Polen, Judge Vitale, and Judge Moriarty, you certainly made a name for yourself in the juvenile division. Now you have made another name for yourself.

I was pleasantly surprised and very encouraged to read about you in last Monday's Fort Lauderdale News. Of course, I recognized your name immediately, so I did a little digging and found out the tremendous progress you have made since your first referral in 1979 to your current situation. I congratulate and commend you on this effort. I know it hasn't always been easy.

I cut the article out of the newspaper and have it on my wall in the Courtroom. I use it to show those who come in front of me that they don't have to have a dead end career. It is unfortunate that I cannot get all of the kids that I see to achieve the success that you have, but it does show that something can be done if the person makes an effort.

I understand that you have a hearing before Judge Birken on the 19th as a Dependency Review, and I know, of course, that there will be no problems there. Their are many that are pleased to see your achievements, not the least being Mr. and Mrs. Evancho. It is obvious that they have made a great effort on your behalf and that you have profited thereby. I know you appreciate what they have done.

Kurt, I just wanted to write and let you know that after hearing so much of the bad everyday, it's nice to hear some of the good. Congratulations and best wishes for your future success.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. MILLER