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Gentlemen, this email is to acknowledge some outstanding work by one of your team at the [REDACTED], Evidence Specialist Brianne Breedlove. She was a testifying witness in my jury trial last week, the [REDACTED]. It was a [REDACTED] case in which the defendant [REDACTED], and when searched, a small amount of methamphetamine was located in the vehicle. The case had many shortcomings - [REDACTED], my arresting/investigating officer was not available for trial, the case was two years old, to name a few. Since the defendant's knowledge of the meth was an issue in this case, Ms. Breedlove had been tasked with fingerprinting the container in which the meth was found. Even though she was not able to locate identifiable prints, it was important to show the jury that we had tried.

I have been a DDA for 20 years and have done many trials and hearings, examining countless witnesses in that time. I can honestly say that I have never seen a witness more prepared, more qualified, and more likeable on the witness stand than Ms. Breedlove in this trial. As she provided her qualifications to the jury, I literally heard one of the jurors say "wow" under his breath. They were very impressed with her, and so was I. During her testimony I kept thinking, "we are so lucky to have her." And after she concluded her testimony, the court reporter said those exact words.

Though her role in this case may not have been all that significant, the impression that she left on the court staff, attorneys in the courtroom, and the jurors from the community, was in fact quite significant. As her superiors, I just wanted to let you know.

Sincerely,

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