

THE TREASURER OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA

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May 20, 1997

Ron W. Poindexter, Director Division of Insurance Fraud 200 East Gaines Street Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0324

Dear Ron:

Recently thirty-three search warrants were executed simultaneously in Central Florida as part of a major criminal investigation, **OPERATION CHEAP TRICKS**. The help of many of your personnel was critical to the success of the operation. As this investigation continues, its importance becomes more evident. I expect that not only those who have violated the law will be prosecuted, but that consumers will be protected from the loss of millions of dollars. You and your personnel should be proud, as I am, of the contribution that was made to protect the insurance consumers of Florida.

The personnel listed on the attachment actively participated in this operation and I would ask that you send my thanks on to them by copy of this memorandum, and that a copy of this memorandum be placed in each participant's personnel file. In the event that any of your personnel were inadvertently omitted from recognition, please convey my thanks. I want to ensure that everyone who participated receives the recognition that he or she deserves. Again, my thanks to you and your personnel.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

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