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Deputy Clerk

Dear Judge Van Vorst,

I am writing to you today on this 7<sup>th</sup> of June, 2019 in regards to the first roadside memorial I photographed in memory of Jimmy Santa Maria which I have attached at the bottom of this letter. When I was looking for roadside memorials in my hometown, I decided to look for ones that were close to my home residence in order to fully understand the impact that improper driving could have on individuals' livelihoods. Not only on their own livelihoods but also on their families' and friends' livelihoods that are forever changed once someone whom they know and love gets into an accident that takes their life. That is the purpose these roadside memorials serve. They serve as a memory, a reminder, of an incident that occurred in the hopes of preventing future incidents by causing passersby who happen to see it to reflect on their own driving habits. With that, my search for roadside memorials brought me to a location less than five minutes from my own house. The first memorial I found in memory of Jimmy Santa Maria was spotted at the port entry of Everglades Holiday Park on Orange Drive located on the highway U.S. Route 27. I attached the photo I took on May 24, 2019 below on the following page. Mr. Maria's memory lives on so long as his roadside memorial remains, and it also serves as a crucial reminder as to what can occur with the dangers of driving.

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Respectfully, Adam J Mandel



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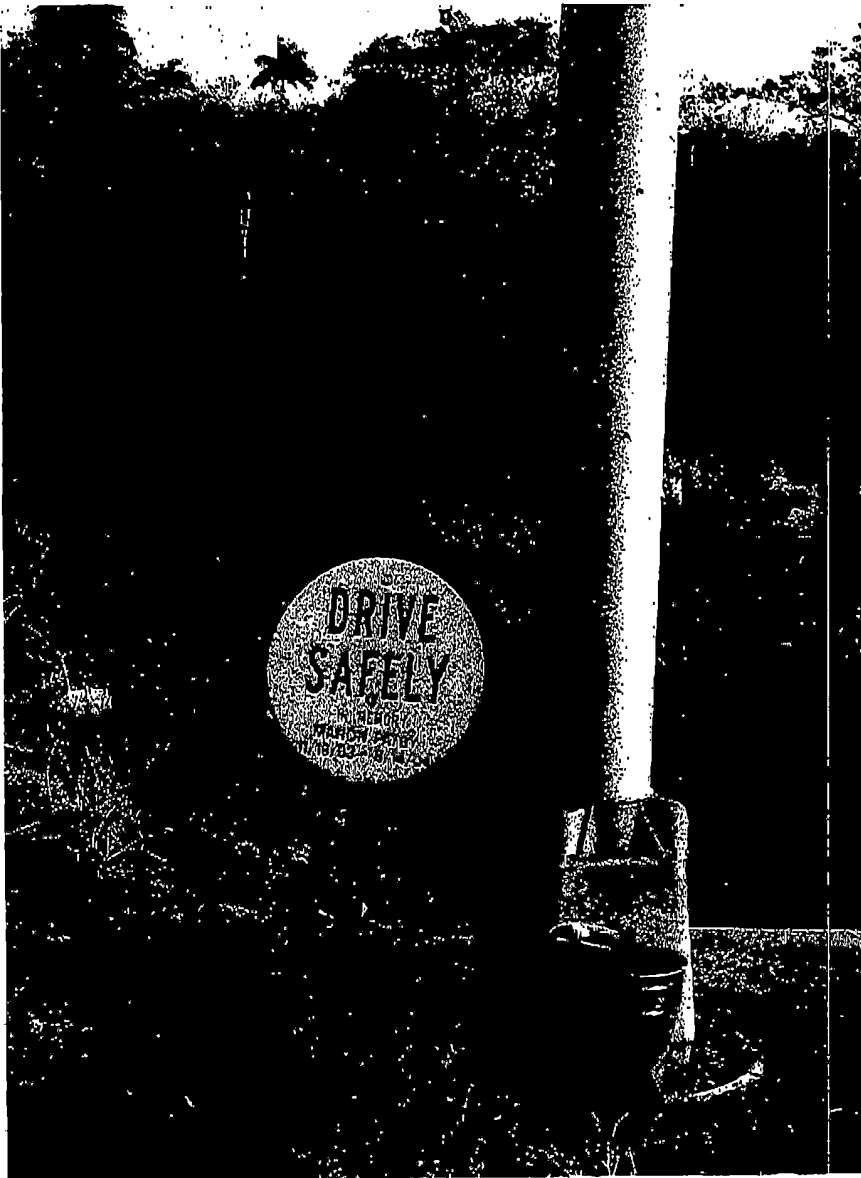
Dear Judge Van Vorst,



Deputy Clerk

I am writing to you today on this 7<sup>th</sup> of June, 2019 in regards to the second roadside memorial I photographed in memory of Manon Patry which I have attached at the bottom of this letter. After finding the first roadside memorial for Jimmy Santa Maria that I included in my first impression it unfortunately did not take me much longer to find yet another roadside memorial. This time the roadside memorial was for the young Manon Patry born on 11/19/63 and who was taken from her family and lost her life on 8/14/04, almost 15 years from today's date. She was only 40 years old when she lost her life in an automobile accident. As I mentioned in my initial impression with the first roadside memorial, these memorials serve a greater purpose beyond just providing comfort and relief to the family and friends of the deceased. They serve as a reminder of the dangers of driving and the precautions that need to be taken each and every time we get into a motor vehicle. As I had mentioned, Ms. Patry's roadside memorial was not too far from Mr. Maria's roadside memorial. They were less than a mile away from each other in fact which shows just how dangerous U.S. Route 27 can be. Manon Patry's roadside memorial was found on the intersection of Griffin Road and Orange Drive on the highway U.S. Route 27. It too serves as a reminder and preserves the memory of Manon Patry so long as it remains standing.

Respectfully, Adam J Mandel



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