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Mr. Malcolm McCampbell
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Foundation
3228 Gun Club Road
West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Dear Mr. McCampbell:

I recently met with former NBA All-Stars Otis Birdsong and Michael Ray Richardson to discuss the possibility of expanding the Ball Stars Youth Camp to Pahokee and Lake Worth next summer.

They informed me that this year the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Foundation was increasing its financial commitment and underwriting eight scholarships so boys and girls from The Glades could travel to New Jersey to participate in a national basketball camp. I was elated to hear this news!

Recent findings around the country are showing that juvenile crime rates are consistently reduced in neighborhoods where sports-based youth development programs are improving the leadership, teamwork and self-governance skills of at-risk teens. I applaud Sheriff Bradshaw and the Foundation for providing these students a once in a lifetime experience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa".

Melissa McKinlay
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