

March 18, 2011

Chief of Police Steve Anderson
Metropolitan Nashville Police Department
200 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37201

Dear Chief Anderson,

We would like to compliment Detective Johnny Crumby, Detective Andrew Injaychock, and SWAT Officer Shane Fairbanks for their superior efforts in successfully pursuing the homicide case of Neal Patel, who was brutally murdered on October 25, 2011. The arrest of Michael Allen on March 14, 2011 has given us some closure on a crime that personally affected us. We moved here in May of 2010 and Neal Patel was the first person who befriended us. As you know he worked at the BP gas station and store located at the corner of Saundersville and Nonaville Roads in Wilson County. Neal always had a warm smile for everyone he met. His murder caused us all tears and anger. We wondered who would have wanted to take the life of such a fine man. Through the tireless efforts of the Detectives and the successful arrest by Officer Shane Fairbanks Mr. Allen will be brought to justice.

We salute you and your fine Police Department and wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

