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**National Alliance on Mental Illness**

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Chief of Police  
Metro Davidson County Police Headquarters  
200 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37201

Dear Chief:

This letter is to commend office Rick Martin for his handling of a potential crisis situation involving a caller to the NAMI Tennessee (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Helpline. This individual had called two days in a row and was exhibiting increasingly severe symptoms of schizophrenia. During a second call to our Helpline, it became apparent that it was becoming increasingly difficult for him to frame his thoughts and function.

Officer Martin and his partner responded to the request for a wellness check for this individual. Officer Martin had a calm presence, was able to assist the individual, and prevented a potential crisis. Additionally, he called our helpline back to let us know that the man was all right and receiving appropriate help. On November 9, 2011, Officer Martin exemplified a caring, compassionate police officer who was able to pro-actively keep his community safe.

NAMI is an organization comprised of people with mental illness and their family members. We live daily with the fact that someone we care about could go into a crisis situation. It is a blessing to know that first responders like Officer Martin are available. We appreciate his assistance.

Thank you.



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