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RE: Dalene Nielson, Forensic Artist

To Whom It May Concern:

I first met Dalene Nielson after she approached the Clark County Coroner's Office with her forensic artist background and suggestions. After reviewing her portfolio with numerous examples of forensic renditions and reconstructions of decedents and missing persons I decided to test her abilities.

Coroner Investigator Rick Jones furnished her with a picture of a badly decomposed decedent who was positively identified. Having only the photograph, Dalene was able to produce a rendering of the decedent which matched his driver license identification photo.

Since our initial test, Ms. Neilson has provided our Jane & John Doe Task Force with eight reconstructed forensic artist renderings of unidentified decedents whose photographs were too graphic or distorted to post on our web site. Because of her timely effort and attention to detail we have already positively identified one of our Doe cases based on her undertaking.

The Clark County Coroner's Office and especially our Task Force have benefited from Dalene's talents. Her rapid production abilities, attention to detail and genuine concern to uphold the highest possible standards have made her a vital part of our team's success. It is a privilege to work with her as well as a pleasure.

I am honored to recommend Ms. Nielson knowing that she will be an outstanding asset to any organization.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. FUDENBERG
Assistant Coroner