October 21, 2014

Attn: Program Manager NOPE: Laura Guelvo

I would like to share an incident that occurred shortly after your staff members came to [redacted] Middle School on October 3, 2014 and gave a NOPE presentation to our students.

I had a student who I have a good rapport with come to me along with another student. This student wanted to report drug use in his own home. After speaking with the student he advised me that his [redacted] was smoking crack cocaine at home. He also confided that his [redacted] would force his sister, who is 12, to also smoke crack cocaine with him.

I continued to gather more information in regards to the drug use and his [redacted] actions, as I spoke to the student a little more I found out that his [redacted] has been sexually assaulting his sister for several years and that on numerous occasions the [redacted] would trade his sister to adult men in exchange for crack cocaine.

The student advised me that he is fearful that his sister may commit suicide if something is not done about his [redacted]. On numerous occasions he tried to stop his father at which time he was beaten up.

I immediately made contact with [redacted] Middle School Counselor, [redacted] and a call was placed to the Department of Children and Family (DCF) and the Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office (PBSO) in regards to this incident.

An investigation was immediately conducted by (DCF) and (PBSO) and as a result the [redacted] was arrested and charged with (40) counts of Sexual Battery on a victim under 12 years of age. He is currently incarcerated and has admitted he is guilty of the charges against him. As soon as identification is made, charges will be brought against the drug dealers that were also sexually assaulting this young girl. I feel that because of your staff member's presentation that morning it was just enough to push the brother to come and speak with me. Please thank your staff Kimberly Perry, Mike McDermott, and PBSO Deputies Miller and Hamilton. You are responsible for saving these children’s lives. These children were obviously heading for a life of horrors. As a result of your presentation these children now have hope that their future will be a bright one.

Thank You

Officer Daniel Vargas