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**Officer of the Year Award Nomination
In Support of the Violent Crime Abatement Investigation Team (VCAIT)
Crimestoppers of Greater New Orleans**

To the Selection Committee:

It is with great pride and confidence that I submit this nomination in support of the Violent Crime Abatement Investigation Team (VCAIT) of the New Orleans Police Department for consideration for the Officer of the Year Award.

The mission of VCAIT is clear and impactful: to reduce violent crime—including non-fatal shootings, homicides, aggravated assaults, and armed robberies—through intelligence-driven, mission-focused investigations. The unit's work embodies the very spirit of this award, demonstrating exceptional investigative skill, collaboration, dedication, and measurable results in protecting the citizens of New Orleans.

VCAIT serves as a force multiplier for the department by providing advanced analytical support and operational assistance in some of the city's most serious and complex violent crime cases. Their responsibilities include:

- Conducting comprehensive workups on persons, vehicles, and weapons tied to criminal investigations
- Securing crime gun intelligence and urgent firearm traces critical to case development
- Collecting and analyzing surveillance video evidence
- Reviewing Securus recordings related to active investigations
- Identifying patterns and developing intelligence on repeat violent offenders and organized groups
- Preparing cases that meet criteria for potential federal adoption

Through these efforts, VCAIT has directly contributed to solving violent crimes, strengthening prosecutorial outcomes, and disrupting cycles of retaliatory violence. Their intelligence-led strategies not only enhance case clearance rates but also proactively prevent future offenses by identifying and targeting the most impactful offenders.

What distinguishes VCAIT is its collaborative approach. The team works seamlessly with local, state, and federal partners, leveraging shared resources and expertise to ensure that violent offenders are held accountable. Their professionalism, precision, and relentless commitment to justice reflect the highest standards of law enforcement service.

The dedication demonstrated by this unit goes beyond routine duty. Their work requires analytical rigor, strategic foresight, long hours, and an unwavering commitment to the safety of the community. The measurable reduction of violent crime and the strengthening of investigative outcomes stand as a testament to their effectiveness and leadership.

For these reasons, I strongly and with the utmost confidence recommend the Violent Crime Abatement Investigation Team for the Officer of the Year Award. Their service exemplifies courage, innovation, collaboration, and excellence in law enforcement.

Respectfully submitted,

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