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ATTN: Banquet and Convention Staff

Dear Grand Harbor:

Happy St. Patrick's Day! I bet today is one of your biggest days of the year with the Irish population in Iowa. Do you serve green beer to your above 21 clients? I enjoy wearing a green party hat and talking like a leprechaun today! "Me lucky charms are smilin' down upon me from heav'n above don'cha know!"

Yes, I am sure you are likely filled to the gills with Irish lads and lassies today. Which is why I did not request today as the day for our convention idea below. I just do not see crime reality television and green beer drinking Irishmen going together very well. That sounds more like a recipe for disaster to me.

But I'm getting ahead of myself, let me get to my point... I wonder what it would cost to rent your facilities to host a convention for reality/documentary crime TV show fans. We are not yet an organized group, but we will probably form a fan club if we can get a quality facility and a few marquee names of the re-enactment stars. Right now our club consists of myself and three other friends (Ed, Shirley, and Elwood -- none of whom are Irish). We get together once a week to watch our TiVoed programs from A&E, FOX, and Court TV.

Ed and Shirley once met John Walsh from *America's Most Wanted* at the airport in Akron. Just out of the blue they noticed him walking down the concourse to catch a plane to California. Ed and Shirley had just returned from vacation in Phoenix. They got a chance to talk to him and got his autograph, but that was before everybody and his brother had camera cell phones, so they weren't able to get their picture taken with him.

Even though we are a small group right now, we feel we will get more numbers once Elwood puts up a web site to advertise our club to a wider audience. I know that we cannot be the only people to have every episode of *City Confidential* on videotape! The only people who will be excluded from our club and conventions are those who watch and believe in the *Psychic Detectives*. We are skeptics and have no room for that nonsense.

Dubuque is centrally located, so this will work out well once we start to draw from the east and west coasts and all parts of the heartland in between. We're looking to hold our convention on September 8-10, 2006 to avoid the summer vacation crowds. Is your facility free that weekend?

I'm not sure if we will be successful, but we are really hoping to land Peter Thomas (who you no doubt recognize as the narrator of *Forensic Files*) for our very first keynote speaker. I know that it is probably wishful thinking, but if we can't think big then we shouldn't be thinking at all is the way I see it. In a few more years, we will be able to draw in the big name re-enactment actors!

I'll even go one step further. I think that after about five or ten years, we will be as big or bigger than the Star Trek conventions. Patrick Stewart and George Takei will be begging for bit parts in *The New Detectives* re-enactments just to be eligible as celebrity guests at our annual convention! You might even want to look into expanding your venue and convention center to keep up with our numbers as we grow. I think that our convention will eventually take over the entire city of Dubuque as our membership increases, but we would still want Grand Harbor Resort and Waterpark to be the centerpiece of our meetings and shows even at that point.

As for our specific event needs, we will require a stage with a podium and a microphone. We will need a large view screen and a projector all tied into the sound system to display our favorite show clips. We will also need a couple of tables for book signings and autograph sessions and a table to sell our club merchandise. (That's all still in development, so I cannot give you a full list yet of what we will have for sale).

We are toying with the idea of setting up a mobile forensics lab with fingerprinting and chemical DNA analysis equipment. We are also looking at photograph developing, mud analysis, and making plaster casts of tire and shoe tracks -- so we will need a separate dark room and a few isolation chambers.

We will **not** be doing **any** weapon forensics or blood analysis! Those tests are too dangerous for a convention setting and are better left to the professionals. We will limit our activities to those tests that you might experience in a good high school curriculum: simple photography, chemistry, and arts and crafts. Basic Amateur Simple Forensics. Please let me know of your availability and ability to meet our needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rusty Lucas". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Rusty Lucas

p.s. I think we can possibly make this an annual event at your venue if we are treated right in these initial stages of negotiation. If this does become an annual convention at Grand Harbor Resort and Waterpark, we will want to design an official logo for our convention suitable for printing on t-shirts or baseball caps -- integrating any existing logo that you might already have. Could you please send me a free Grand Harbor Resort and Waterpark baseball cap so that I can try to visualize what we have to work with in designing our convention logo? That would really help out a lot.