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Greetings DEA,

November 2017, I went to the Heart Scan Service screening given by the DEA. My brother (Retired) went as well as he too worked as a Detective in 68 Pct. I no sooner left the DEA building and over the Brooklyn Bridge when I received a phone call from Marilyn Martinucci, the owner, who was in charge of this program. (I thank her for her concerns till this day).

She advised me of a serious issue with my heart that she detected after taking this test. She told me she spotted a serious problem via my Echocardiogram and other testing results. In fact, she called me the next two days saying I must get to a cardiologist right away. Her serious concern was most appreciated and gave me the kick in the butt to further investigate my health matter.

I took her advice immediately and reported to St Peter's Hospital in Albany. It was there at the hospital where top surgeons were in full agreement with the Heartscan Services findings. Within four days' time, the heart surgeons had me on the table for a five artery bypass operation. In July of 2018, I had the heart defibrillator & pacemaker installed as a precautionary procedure. The surgeons were in amazement that I have lived as long as I did with this issue. They told me for sure I would have died within the next three months.

I never knew I had this severe heart problem, shame on me for not seeing doctors as I should have in the past. Today I never felt better in my life, the top surgeons at St Peter's Albany have told me I will live a normal full life expectancy because of this operation. I'll be taking medication the rest of my life, but I can enjoy all the activities that one would think I would not be able too. I golf, travel and do part time work, life is grand.

I cannot stress enough to my brother and sister New York City Detectives, especially retired Detectives, to please go for the Heartscan Services screenings given by our union. I cannot thank my union enough for providing the service as they did to expand my life so I can enjoy it with my family, my daughter (Who is a new cop out of 121 Pct), my granddaughter and friends.

Sadly, since my operation one year ago, approximately eight NYPD Detectives who I worked with while on the job have passed away by heart attacks. They were young man in the mid-fifties. Again I cannot stress the admiration & dedication of Marilyn, who took the time that day after my testing back in November 2017. I will never forget her for her concerns of my health.

God Bless Always,

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