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On February 20, 2024, the Sterling County Sheriff's Office received a crucial tip from a Detective at the Galveston Police Department regarding the possible location of Gabriella Caito, a missing 15-year-old female from Galveston, TX. The information indicated that she was traveling northbound on a Greyhound bus along US 87. Sheriff Irby acted immediately and successfully located the Greyhound bus in Sterling County, approximately 18 miles north on US 87. Gabriella Caito was found safe inside the bus and later reunited with her parents around 2:45 AM the following day.

Sheriff Irby's actions were instrumental in ensuring Gabriella's safe return, and while the credit primarily goes to the Galveston PD for their diligent work, the Sterling County Commissioners' Court wishes to publicly commend Sheriff Irby. His quick response to the tip from Galveston authorities played a vital role in reuniting Gabriella with her family without incident.

We extend our continuous gratitude to Sheriff Irby and the entire Sheriff's Office for their unwavering commitment and service to our community and county. We also express our appreciation to all of our first responders who courageously put their lives on the line for the safety and well-being of others.

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Michael Knittel
Sterling County Judge