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by John Damm

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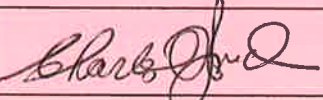
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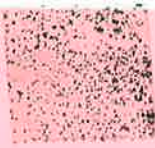
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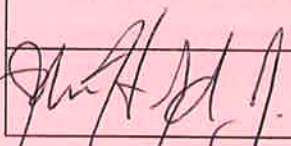
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4. SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADD'L COMMENTS
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<i>M/S</i>	3301 NW 27 th Ter.	X		2
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<i>Debra M. Hays</i>	3531 NW 26 th Terr.	(1)		(2)

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