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To: The Florida Highway Patrol
Regional Office, Crestview, FL

Gentlemen & Mesdames,

One of your finest, Patrolmen, Fred Jackson, did me an unexpected kindness yesterday afternoon, as I was returning to Crestview, driving north on highway 85, from Dr. Robinette's, my dentist's office, in Valparaiso, within minutes, after having a molar extracted. UGH!!

My left rear tire had had a blow out about six or so miles south, and I had pulled to the berm and had begun to jack up my Sable Wagon with one of those little contraptions, they call a jack, that came with the car. The part of the pavement that extends beyond the edge's white line is narrow and I had my right wheels in the grass. I was exposed to 65MPH+ traffic, and was in a dangerous position, given that those passing were driving by as fast and as unconscientiously as they could normally get away with, if you know what I mean.

In just four or five minutes Patrolman Jackson pulled up behind me with his top lights on. He got out and removed his better jack from his trunk, brought it to my wagon and insisted on raising my vehicle, himself. He bade me to get my spare out and the lock lug wrench, which he used, and removed my tire and put the spare on, himself. I thanked him profusely and put the blown tire in the back and drove to the nearest place to buy a new tire.

Patrolman Jackson followed me to Crestview to assure that my "donut tire", that thing that car manufacturers put in cars today, to make them less costly to produce, and, possibly, to deter tire thieves, would hold up, as it was not fully inflated, but new. I got there in one piece, TG.

I want the Public to know about this gentleman's considerate act, as too few realize that there are Peace Officers concerned for our well being and who have good hearts--the same as our best of friends. He has my profound gratitude and admiration.. Give him a raise!!

Sincerely,

Charles M. Hinton, Sr.

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