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November 1, 2001

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TO: Trooper Stephen Allain
Trooper James Mason

FROM: Major Grady Carrick *GC*
Troop Commander

SUBJECT: Commendation - Apprehension of Murder Suspect

GROUP OF FIELD OPERATIONS

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On Wednesday, October 31, 2001, you were on patrol in Clay County. While riding as a two-man unit, a BOLO was broadcast by the Jacksonville FHP dispatch concerning a double murder that had just occurred in Putnam County. The suspect was identified as a white male, 6'3", weighing approximately 210 lbs, possibly named Steven West. He was driving a red 2 door Honda, and possibly enroute to Jacksonville. When the FHP airplane spotted a possible vehicle on State Road 21, you immediately responded to the area.

Within minutes of the BOLO broadcast, and direction from the FHP airplane, you located the suspect vehicle and confirmed the tag and descriptions matched. At State Road 21 and County Road 218, you executed a felony traffic stop on the vehicle, pulling it into a McDonalds restaurant parking lot. Using your training and experience, you directed the suspect from the vehicle at gunpoint, safely positioning him on the ground. You arrested the suspect without incident. The possible murder weapon was found in the vehicle.

Because of your attention to duty and experience as a police officer, Steven West was arrested for the murder of two individuals in Putnam County. I want to commend you for your excellent performance and thank you for your dedication to duty. Keep up the good work!

GTC

Cc: Colonel Christopher A. Knight
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