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Dear Colonel Knight:

I wanted to formally acknowledge the assistance provided to me by one of Florida Highway Patrol's finest – Officer Bruce Atchison, Badge No. 0521.

As I was returning from a business conference in Orlando on Wednesday, October 2, I had a blowout on I-95 just south of Palm Coast. I, being a female alone on the road with a flat tire, was very distressed. However, I decided I had to do something, so I proceeded to change the tire. I've only had one other occasion to have to attempt this, but that attempt was not successful at all. I did, however, get further in my attempt this time and was feeling rather proud of myself until I tried to put the new tire back on the vehicle (a 2002 Honda CRV). The jack that came with the vehicle would not raise the truck high enough for me to get the tire back on. In all my frustration, I couldn't think of anything to do but call 911 on my cell phone (thank the Lord for cell phones).

After a short wait, Officer Bruce Atchison came to my rescue. We had quite a time getting the jack back down and finding something to go underneath it so we could get the vehicle up high enough. We finally had to use one of my business notebooks to put under the jack. I really don't know how long it took after the officer got there, but he very patiently worked with me until we got the tire back on the vehicle and I was able to get underway again.

I realize this is something that all police and highway patrols do probably on a fairly routine basis. However, a simple "thank you" to Officer Atchison when the task was completed was not enough. I wanted you and his superiors to know how thankful I was, that Wednesday afternoon, to see Officer Atchison arrive. He was very pleasant and helpful, and I appreciate his assistance more than he will ever now. I wanted to pay him for his assistance, but he firmly refused to accept anything.

Since I did not get his supervisor's name, would you please be so kind as to forward this to him so he will know that this stranded lady was very thankful for the Florida Highway Patrol and especially for Officer Atchison.

Sincerely,

Glenda Davis

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