



## CITY OF ALTAMONTE SPRINGS

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Florida Highway Patrol  
Colonel Christopher A. Knight, Director  
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Office of the Director  
Florida Highway Patrol

Dear Colonel Knight,

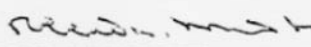
Recently, I was made aware of an outstanding piece of police work involving one of your troopers. Please allow me to take this opportunity to formally recognize the actions of Trooper John B. Bolton.

On March 5, 2002, at approximately 1009 hours, Trooper Bolton was at the intersection of SR 436 and SR 434 when a robbery in progress at the SunTrust Bank was broadcast over the County Net radio system. He immediately realized that he was just across the street and quickly began looking for the suspect. Within seconds he observed the suspect, a black male wearing a ski mask, exiting the bank and entering a tan Cadillac. He then pulled his marked patrol car into the bank parking lot and conducted a felony stop on the suspect's vehicle. He ordered the suspect out of the vehicle and maintained control of him until he could be handcuffed by two of my officers. Further investigation revealed a loaded Taurus 9mm handgun in the glove compartment.

The quick thinking and decisive actions of Trooper John Bolton are a credit to you and your agency. Without Trooper Bolton's help, an armed felon may still be on the street today. Please extend my respect and gratitude to Trooper Bolton.

Sincerely,

ALTAMONTE SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT

  
William A. Liquori  
Chief of Police

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