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To: Colonel Chris Knight
The Florida Highway Patrol
Tallahassee Florida 32308

Fr: Russell Alan Holton
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Office of the Director
Florida Highway Patrol

Re: Trooper Charlie Broach

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to tell you what a great job Trooper Charlie Broach did in handling a vehicle traffic crash involving my wife on Friday September 6, 2002. While travelling south on Gadsden County road 157 my wife was forced off the road by an oncoming car. Her car left the roadway, rolled over several times, and came to rest in a concrete ditch upside down. Her seatbelt saved her life.

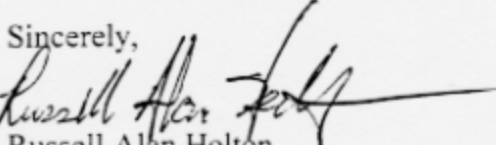
Trooper Broach responded to the crash scene and immediately checked to make sure my wife was not injured. He then asked everyone involved if anyone had seen the vehicle that caused the accident. He was very thorough with his investigation and questioning.

After gathering the necessary information he called for a tow truck and said that he would remain with our car while we went to the hospital. We then went to the emergency room for my wife to get checked out as a precautionary matter. She had no injuries at all.

While we were gone, Trooper Broach was kind enough to gather some of my wife's personal item from the car to include her wallet and paycheck. All of these were delivered to our home. The tow truck driver later told me that they were unable to turn our car over and that Trooper Broach had to climb into the overturned car to get the items he returned to us. This was above and beyond what was required of him in my opinion. Again, he was very thorough.

I am sure you get many complaints regarding officers due the size of your agency and since it covers the entire state. I wanted to make sure that you got a compliment regarding this fine officer. You should be proud to have such quality officers under your command. I would like to thank you and Trooper Broach for the professional and courteous manner in which my wife and I were treated.

Sincerely,


Russell Alan Holton