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The Honorable Sheriff, Joey B. Dobson
Baker County
56 North 2nd Street
Macclenny, Florida

Office of the Director
Florida Highway Patrol

Dear Sheriff Dobson:

I would like to commend members of your staff and the Florida Highway Patrol for their team effort and cooperation in responding to my *FHP call near and/or in Macclenny, Florida while I was returning to Tallahassee from a field visit Saturday, September 28, 2002. Their quick action and follow up resulted in a DUI arrest.

FHP Troopers were being raised on their radios when the driver suddenly exited the Interstate at Macclenny, Florida. FHP Duty Officers did not hesitate or "just let it go" there. When advised of this by my second call, they quickly alerted the Baker County Sheriff's office. Quick action by B. C. S.O. radio dispatchers had Deputies responding post-haste. They made the eventual arrest.

More details and commendable actions preceded the arrest I am sure, however, suffice it to say the careful attention both groups paid to my phone call and recording of details reported displayed in my opinion, a genuine concern for removing potentially dangerous drivers from the road avoiding possible injury or death to others.

It pleasing to see such interagency cooperation by members who are always the ones who "get the job done!"

Some of the staff members who helped are listed below and another Deputy was involved in the arrest. Please add his name to this letter and feel free to add others in the radio rooms whose names I did not get.

Kudos to the *FHP phone system and "hats off" to well-trained staffs who may have very well saved someone's life. They are, Sheriff's Office Road Patrol Deputies Ben Anderson and _____, and Radio Dispatcher "Mary", and FHP Duty Officers Budget and Wilson, great job!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. J. Thompson".

Randall "Joe" Thompson
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Cc: Christopher A. Knight, Director ✓
Florida Highway Patrol