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FIFTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA  
IN AND FOR PALM BEACH COUNTY

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March 5, 2002

Captain Joseph R. Schmidt  
c/o Florida Highway Patrol  
3775 West King Street  
Cocoa Beach, Florida 32926

Re: State of Florida vs. MALCOLM FRANCIS HOSWELL  
Case No. 99-013693CF A02

Dear Cpt Schmidt:

I am writing to commend Troopers John Dance, Robert Duncan, and Sgt. Michael Brown. Last month I tried and convicted the above-named defendant for Aggravated Assault on a Police Officer (Deadly Weapon) and I sought to have him sentenced as a Habitual Violent Felony Offender. I needed to prove to the sentencing judge that this defendant was a danger to the community and needed to be sentenced as such because it was necessary for the protection of the public.

I contacted Trooper Dance upon the jury verdict and he readily agreed to drive to Palm Beach County to testify about his contact with this defendant. Troopers Dance, Duncan and Sgt. Brown arrested the defendant in January 2001 after a high-speed chase over 85 miles that took place on the interstate. At the time of this chase, the defendant had a failure to appear warrant out of our county for failing to appear for trial on an Attempted Second Degree Murder. During this chase, the defendant posed a danger not only to law enforcement but to other drivers. This defendant has a history of this type of conduct and the facts of my case were similar in nature. Troopers Dance, Duncan and Sgt. Brown drove 4 hours this morning

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to be present at a 9:00 a.m. hearing; because of their testimony, the judge found that the defendant was a danger to the community and this defendant will now be a guest of the Florida Department of Corrections for the next 30 years (with 10 year minimum mandatory). These Troopers were extremely helpful and professional; they are a great asset to your department and I hope you recognize them as such.

Sincerely,

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**MARYBEL REINOSO**  
Assistant State Attorney

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cc: SAO File

TROOPER JOHN DANCE

TROOPER ROBERT DUNCAN

SGT. MICHAEL BROWN