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General Headquarters FHP  
Neil Kirkman Building  
2900 Apalachee Parkway  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Office of the Director  
Florida Highway Patrol

Dear Colonel Knight,

I am writing you in reference to an incident that occurred on Tuesday, July 9, 2002 at about 9 a.m. Our van broke down on the north side of route 95 just south of Fort Pierce, Florida, during a torrential rainstorm. Thankfully, one of your troopers, Officer Ron Roberts, stopped to see if we needed assistance. He called for the tow truck of a reputable repair place in Fort Pierce. He helped push the van to the side of the road, out of harms way and than left to continue his patrol.

Our van was towed to Fort Pierce, and Officer Roberts, called the repair place to make sure we had gotten there safely. The van was able to be repaired that afternoon, and we were on our way again. Officer Roberts saw our van on the road and pulled us over, just to say hello and make sure everything was okay.

In all my years of driving, I have never met a more caring and dedicated officer. It was our privilege to meet Officer Roberts, though under these trying circumstances. Your organization is well represented by officers like Ron Roberts. In this day and age, when people are criticizing the police, it is important to recognize that most officers quietly go on doing their job, beyond the call of duty, each and every day. Thank you, and thank Officer Roberts. He was there when we needed him.

Sincerely,

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