

To: Ocala F.H.P. Station

From: Stacy L. Lentz

RE: John A. Stewart

To whom it may concern:

On the evening of February 20, 2002, I was the unfortunate victim of broken relay switch in my VW Jetta. I was stopped on a busy highway, first in line in the middle lane of an intersection when my car died and would not start. Needless to say this was not the most comfortable situation to be in.

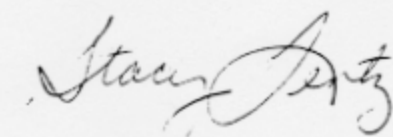
As luck would have it, Officer Stewart was driving by on his way back to Ocala, when he came upon my misfortune. I know he had been working since early morning and had a very long drive ahead of him. It would have been so easy for him to drive by. But, instead he took it upon himself to get my car off of the highway and call for a wrecker. He stayed by my side making sure that everything went smoothly. I am so grateful for his assistance. I know he was exhausted and babysitting with me was probably not high on his 'to do' list, but he did it anyway and was incredibly gracious.

I have seen officers assisting disabled drivers in the past and it always stirs a deeper respect for the job they do, as it must for other motorists that drive by and see the same thing. I never thought I would be one of those people needing assistance, and am very grateful that John Stewart happened to be in Ft. Myers that day.

As with any service type business, you must get a lot more complaints than compliments, regardless of your performance. It never seems to be balanced, with negative feedback taking the lead. Hopefully, this letter will help to balance the scales.

Please give Officer Stewart this message of thanks and gratitude for going above and beyond. I feel much safer knowing there are officers like him out there.

Sincerely yours,



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Stacy Lentz