



State of Florida
**DEPARTMENT OF
HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES**

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FRED O. DICKINSON
Executive Director

November 26, 2003

Trooper Darryl T. Crawford
Florida Highway Patrol/Troop K
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Ocoee, Florida 34761

Dear Trooper Crawford:

You are to be to be commended for your actions involving the apprehension of a Domestic Violence suspect on Florida's Turnpike.

On November 18, 2003, a BOLO was issued giving the description of a vehicle driven by an armed suicidal off-duty Chicago Police Officer wanted for questioning by the Osceola County Sheriff's Office for domestic violence. It was reported that the suspect had his six and seven year old sons with him. While assisting with traffic at a crash scene on the Florida Turnpike, the suspect vehicle was observed. Sergeant Richard Strickland, Trooper Lorraine Grayson, and you successfully stopped the vehicle by stopping all northbound traffic. The suspect was taken into custody and released to the Osceola County Sheriff's Office and the children were released to their mother.

You acted in the highest tradition of the Florida Highway Patrol and are hereby commended for your actions. Please accept our sincere thanks for your efforts. You are greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Knight".

Colonel Christopher A. Knight
Director
Florida Highway Patrol

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cc: Mr. Fred O. Dickinson
Mr. David Westberry
FHP Executive Staff
Troop Commanders