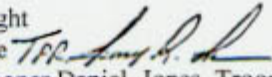


FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL

TROOP - H MADISON

May 1, 2003

TO: Colonel Christopher Knight
FROM: Trooper Jimmy R. Love 
SUBJ: Commendations for Trooper Daniel Jones, Trooper Richard Keeling, Trooper Jon Leohner
Sergeant Harland Drawdy, Lieutenant Thomas Mallow

I would like to take this opportunity to give special recognition to the aforementioned members of the Florida Highway Patrol. Their fellow participation in the apprehension of two suspects was, for me, rewarding and exemplary of the true meaning of "teamwork".

On Wednesday April 23, 2003, I was participating in an aircraft traffic enforcement detail in Madison County on SR-8 at CR-14. The pilot reported two approaching vehicles, one for speed and a trailing green pickup that he had identified for following too closely. Being the "second Trooper" in line I committed to the green pickup for following too closely. Subsequent to the initial moving infraction, a multitude of felony and misdemeanor arrests and the apprehension of two wanted suspects from the state of Mississippi was accomplished (one subject for assault and one subject for FTA for armed robbery).

This letter is not intended for only those fellow Troopers who aided in the physical arrests of these suspects but as well for their following through of the booking, interviews and processing of evidence that simply would have been overwhelming for me in a solo role. These fellow Troopers chose to disconnect themselves from their personal commitments for that afternoon and evening, instead electing to stand shoulder to shoulder with me to ensure a complete, concise and coherent revelation of the facts.

Although the role of each member, in such a case, is presumed, there is no existing outline more accurate or advantageous than raw experience that has been polished to a state of being, quite simply, a second nature.

It is a very humbling exchange of words to say "**thank you for saving my life**" and so for these members who have not heard this personally from me or for those to whom I have not made it clear enough, I seize this opportunity.