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Colonel Christopher A. Knight, Director
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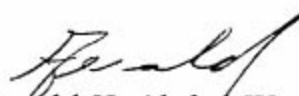
Dear Colonel Knight:

It has been reported to me by Warden Sam Culpepper, and Inspector Mark McGrath that recent actions of your employees are worthy of commendation.

On Sunday, September 21, 2003, we received information that an inmate visitor was planning on introducing narcotics into Everglades Correctional Institution. Your office was notified and assistance was requested. Troopers Joseph E. Mosca and Charles B. Patten responded with a drug sniffing canine. Their rapid response and technical expertise were instrumental in the interdiction of a significant amount of marijuana, thus preventing the passage of narcotics into the institution. Additionally, the subject also possessed more illegal drugs in her vehicle and she was subsequently arrested for both events.

We commend these troopers for their professional actions and cooperation with our agency. Please extend our gratitude and sincere appreciation to these officers.

Sincerely,


Gerald H. Abdul-Wasi
Inspector General

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