



State of Florida  
DEPARTMENT OF  
HIGHWAY SAFETY AND MOTOR VEHICLES

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Executive Director

November 26, 2003

Sergeant Richard O. Strickland  
Florida Highway Patrol/Troop K  
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Dear Sergeant Strickland:

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. Trooper Darryl Crawford, 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,

Colonel Christopher A. Knight  
Director  
Florida Highway Patrol

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