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Colonel Christopher A. Knight
Director, Florida Highway Patrol
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By mail and by fax: (850) 487-3139

Re: Christopher v. Hernandez
Case no. 99-CV-1495

Dear Col. Knight,

This hard fought case ended with a defense verdict which could not have been achieved without the participation of Trooper Jose Hernandez, Sgt. William B. Tierney, Sgt. James Durden, Capt. Jaime Picanol, and Trooper Luis Tejera. These Troopers were perfectly professional in their courtroom demeanor and they stuck to the facts despite suggestive questioning by the Plaintiff's attorney which had great potential to mislead the jury.

Joe Hernandez and Barry Tierney especially deserve recognition. They remained calm in the face of aggressive cross-examination which was designed to make them lose their cool. They listened respectfully to every question and answered in plain terms the jury could understand. They spoke with conviction so the jury *would* understand that the accusation of excessive force was false. In their words and deeds they reflected credit and professionalism upon the Florida Highway Patrol and the Tactical Response Team. The jury's verdict is proof of this.

Speaking for myself and for my trial partner Maxine Streeter, it was a privilege and a pleasure to represent Trooper Hernandez as well as Sgt. Tierney, who received a directed verdict earlier in the case and was not a party to last week's trial.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. J. Glantz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

David J. Glantz
Assistant Attorney General
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Sgt. William B. Tierney
Trooper Jose M. Hernandez