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Dear Governor Bush:

On July 2, 2004, the North Miami Beach Police Department suffered one of its darkest moments when Officer Orestes "Oreo" Lorenzo was involved in a fatal vehicle crash while on duty. Officer Lorenzo was on life support until July 9th, 2004 when he passed away due to his injuries. Officer Lorenzo is the first and only officer that the North Miami Beach Police Department has ever lost while on duty since our city was incorporated in 1927.

On the date of July 12, 2004, Sgt. Al Reyes of the Florida Highway Patrol Motor Unit, Troop "E" in Miami was contacted and asked for assistance with the funeral escort. Without hesitation, Sgt. Al Reyes took on the task of organizing the escorts for the family and the funeral procession. Other jurisdictions along with Troop "E" motors worked together under the command of Sgt. Al Reyes.

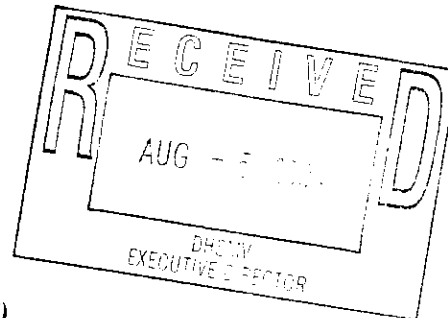
The funeral procession went flawless and was very much appreciated by the family of Officer Orestes Lorenzo and by the men and women of the North Miami Beach Police Department.

We commend the Florida Highway Patrol Troop "E" Motor Unit and Sgt. Al Reyes for their kindness, caring dedication and utmost professionalism throughout such a horrific tragedy. If we can ever be of any assistance to your department, please not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Linda Loizzo
Deputy Chief of Police

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