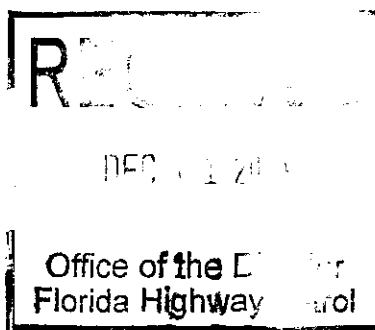


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November 24, 2004

Florida Hwy Patrol  
Neil Kirkman Bldg  
2900 Apalachee Pkwy  
Mail Stop 40  
Tallahassee, FL 32399



Att: Col Christopher Knight

I would like to take a moment of your time and tell you how 2 of your troopers helped my husband and I and our friend save a dog. It was on a Friday, Oct. 23, 2004 and we were on our way home from vacationing with friends in GA. While on vacation our friend had rescued a great dane that was severely abused and was bringing the dog to us. (we rescue great danes). While on our way home, we stopped at the Lake City rest stop on I-75. As we pulled in the parking space, the rescue dog pushed open our camper door and got loose. She did not know us well and did not trust us and so she would not come to us. It was a very frightening experience. We tried for 4 hours that day to catch her again, but to no avail. We watched her run up and down the side of I-75 crossing it several times, looking for our friend Kim, who had rescued her. At dark, we had to leave and continue on our journey home. We notified the people who work at the rest stop about the situation. Sadly we left, unable to catch her.

On Saturday, I phoned the Lake City Sheriff dept and filed a report, and also the Lake City animal control. I explained to the animal control officer the sad situation, and said hopefully somehow she got off I-75 and would let someone in a neighbor help her.

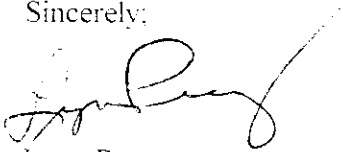
On Sunday, we got a call from the Lake City animal control officer stating that they had found our dog, on Saturday, but they could not catch her either. They said she was still at the Lake City rest stop and that they secured her in a fenced area behind the rest stop. We immediately headed back up to Lake City, calling our friend in GA and telling her she needed to meet us there, so she could catch the dog. We arrived 1<sup>st</sup>, and could not find the dog. That was when I approached Trooper Sullivan, Greg. He was on duty at the rest stop. I identified myself as a Martin County Deputy sheriff, and explained our situation to him. He immediately exited his car and began looking for the dog with us. He was able to show us her foot prints and where she had been sleeping and tearing up the trash. So we knew she had been around there. At the time when my friend Kim from GA arrived, Trooper Sullivan told us he just got a call from dispatch saying there was a large dog walking on the interstate. He immediately went after her, and we followed. We began the same escapade that occurred on Friday. The dog was so scared she just kept running away from us. Trooper Sullivan notified Trooper Morgan, who was stationed on the other side of the rest stop, about the situation. Both officers worked with us for several hours, stopping traffic and trying to help us catch the dog.

Finally after 2 hours of this, the dog was exhausted and returned to the fenced area where the animal control officer had left her. At that point my friend Kim was able to go in and catch her. The story had a happy ending for the dog, for us, and for all the travelers on that highway those days.

I felt that both Troopers Sullivan and Morgan went above and beyond their duty to help us in this dangerous situation. They were helpful, knowledgeable, and very cooperative. We would like to express our thanks to both of them and hope that you can put this in their file. Of course I have shortened this not to take up too much of your time, but they were exceptional.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Perry', with a long, sweeping flourish extending upwards and to the right.

Lynn Perry  
Martin County Sheriff Office