

August 7, 2006

Colonel Christopher A. Knight, Director
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Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Colonel Knight:

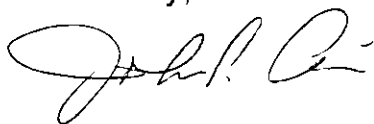
Late this afternoon my 17 year-old daughter, Amanda, was stranded with her boyfriend near the entrance to Wakulla Springs State Park after their car broke down. I became very apprehensive while en route to Wakulla County from northeast Tallahassee after learning that the tow truck was several hours late.

My concern escalated knowing it was after 7 p.m. and I began imagining all sorts of dangers these youngsters might be facing in an isolated area. Just as panic was about to set in, my daughter called me on her cell phone. To my great relief, she said that a State Trooper was with them and would remain at the scene until the tow truck arrived.

Please convey my most sincere appreciation to Sergeant John L. Haire, a Traffic Homicide Supervisor with Troop H, who very graciously stayed with my daughter and her boyfriend for nearly an hour. I will be forever grateful to Sgt. Haire for his understanding and courtesy.

This incident only reinforces my belief that, under your superb leadership, the citizens of Florida are fortunate to have the finest Highway Patrol in the United States.

Sincerely,



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