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Sir:

The purpose of this correspondence is to bring to your attention an experience that I had recently with Trooper David Sims. On March 15, 2006 I was traveling North on the turnpike returning home from a trip to Miami. I was traveling in excess of the speed limit. Obviously, Trooper Sims initiated a traffic stop and I pulled over to the inside lane median area and waited for him to approach my vehicle. Having spent many years as an Officer in law enforcement, I am quite experienced with what law enforcement personnel face when conducting traffic stops. I must relay to you how very impressed I was with Trooper Sims's professionalism and overall attitude. In my experience with Field Training, I encountered many Officers that probably should have chosen a different career path. The negative attitudes, arrogance, and the proverbial power complex that can often accompany the position of authority are unfortunate – but they exist. However, in my entire experience during the traffic stop, Trooper Sims represented your agency well. He was respectful and professional and did not display any condescension.

It was very refreshing to have such a positive encounter with your Trooper. He obviously takes pride in the job that he does for your agency. He appears genuinely devoted to his responsibilities and it is evident in the way that he conducts himself. I would have been happy to have worked with an individual such as Trooper Sims. He is truly an asset to The Florida Highway Patrol.

Respectfully Submitted,



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