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VIA U.S. MAIL

Colonel Christopher A. Knight, Director
Florida Highway Patrol
Traffic Homicide Reconstruction
875 SR 16
St. Augustine, Florida 32095

Re: Cpl. Robert L. Asbill
Decedent: Cody Lane Hastings
Date of Incident: March 25, 2006
Case No: FHP706-20-007

Dear Colonel Knight:

I am writing to commend the professional actions of Cpl. Asbill in connection with his investigation of a traffic fatality which occurred on March 25, 2006, in St. Johns County, Florida.

The family of the deceased victim, Ms. Cody Hastings was devastated by the incident, which involved a rear end collision resulting in her death. The wrongdoer was a (now) former United States Assistant District Attorney. It was determined his automobile hit the victim's vehicle going somewhere between 85 and 100 miles per hour. A prompt and through investigation by Cpl. Robert L. Asbill revealed a case of vehicular homicide.

Unfortunately, the local state's attorney office was not responding to Cpl. Asbills' request for an arrest warrant, but his almost daily persistence to address what appeared to be a serious crime resulted in the Grand Jury returning an indictment for vehicular homicide.


On Monday, the Defendant pled guilty to the charge. The family found justice for a loving daughter and will be eternally grateful for this Trooper's work, dedication and care for the family.

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Cpl. Asbill is a credit to the Highway Patrol, and what he did for this family will not be forgotten.

Sincerely,

COOPER RIDGE & LANTINBERG, P.A.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Will. G. Cooper", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

William G. Cooper
Attorney for the Family
Ronald and Cynthia Hastings

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