

Matthew & Tami Holliday



Electra Theodorides-Bustle, Executive Director
Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles
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Dear Director Bustle,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the actions of a member of the Florida Highway Patrol, Trooper Thomas C. Colalillo.

On Wednesday, July 11th, at approximately 3:00pm, the right rear tire on the car my wife was driving experienced a complete blow-out of the tread. She was able to pull over safely to the side of the road, but then was faced with the prospect of sitting on the side of the road. It would take an hour for me to drive to where she was near of St. Augustine, or for AAA to arrive. Very soon after she called me for help, Trooper Colalillo arrived on the scene and offered to change the tire for her.

I cannot express enough the concern I had as a husband and father that my wife and child were stuck on the side of a busy highway waiting for help. The assistance offered by this brave law enforcement professional to my family is appreciated in so many ways. I am grateful he was able to change the tire and get them on their way safely.

As we all know, many people (including law enforcement officers with flashing lights) are hit while pulled over to the shoulder by errant drivers. Even worse are the stories of victims of violence who were in the wrong place at the wrong time. As soon as Tami called to let me know this trooper had offered his assistance, I knew they would be safe and protected. What a relief. God bless him and all the brave men and women who risk their lives each day in their service to the community

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew Holliday".

Matthew Holliday
Legislative Aide to State Representative Stan Jordan, Jacksonville

Cc: Colonel Christopher Knight, Director, Florida Highway Patrol ✓
Major Grady Carrick, Troop G Commander
Trooper Thomas C. Colalillo