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Colonel Christopher A. Knight
Director, Florida Highway Patrol
Neil Kirkman Building
2900 Apalachee Parkway
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Colonel Knight,

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Florida Highway Patrol Trooper, Anthony Lee, for his proactive and vigilant approach in identifying the suspicious actions of two suspects in the process of committing Grand Theft Auto.

While traveling northbound on Interstate I-95, Trooper Lee observed a tow truck backing toward an abandoned vehicle. Shortly thereafter, Trooper Lee noticed the tow truck transporting the vehicle without it being properly secured to the flatbed. Trooper Lee conducted a traffic stop and identified both the driver and passenger. Neither could provide proper documentation for the towed vehicle. The owner of the vehicle was contacted and stated that he did not give the towing company permission to tow his vehicle.

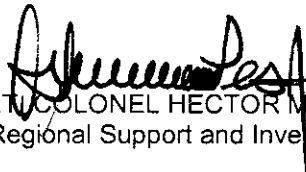
Suspecting a possible auto theft, both occupants of the tow truck were temporarily detained. Trooper Lee notified Florida Highway Patrol Trooper, Salvatore Greco, a member of the Broward Sheriff's Office Strategic Investigations Division, Auto Theft Task Force, who responded to the scene. An on-scene investigation revealed the vehicle to be stolen, at which time the driver and passenger were arrested.

The Broward Sheriff's Office Auto Theft Task Force assisted Trooper Lee with the interview process. During the interview, one of the suspects stated that he was taking the vehicle to a man who owned a junk/salvage facility located in Opa Locka. The owner of the junk/salvage facility pays three hundred dollars (\$300) for vehicles that are later stripped and reduced to scrap metal.

There is no doubt that the successful outcome of this case was a direct result of Trooper Lee's keen observation and training. Because of Trooper Lee's investigative skills and dedication, this case was successfully resolved.

On behalf of the Broward Sheriff's Office, Strategic Investigations Division, I would like to recognize Trooper Lee for a job well done.

Sincerely,


LT. COLONEL HECTOR M. PESQUERA, Director
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