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Major James G. Brierton
Florida Highway Patrol Troop E
1011 NW 111 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33172

Dear Major Brierton:

On behalf of the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD), we would like to thank Trooper Raphael Lola and Auxiliary Trooper Charles Peabody for their assistance in the apprehension of a bank robbery subject.

On Monday, December 14, 2009, officers from the MDPD's Midwest District were dispatched to the Sun Trust Bank, located at 8717 SW 24 Street in reference to a bank robbery with an implied weapon. The first responding officer obtained information leading to the subject's residence.

Immediately, Midwest District officers along with Trooper Raphael Lola, and Auxiliary Trooper Charles Peabody, responded to the residence, located the subject's vehicle, and established a perimeter around the building. Several attempts were made by officers on scene to make contact with the occupants of the apartment, but to no avail.

The MDPD's Special Response Team was notified and responded, along with personnel from the Hostage Negotiation Team, Bomb Squad, and Canine Unit. The negotiators were able to talk the subject into surrendering without further incident or harm to police personnel or innocent civilians.

Due to their alertness, quick assessment, action, and the teamwork involved, a violent felony subject was apprehended.

Thank Trooper Lola and Auxiliary Trooper Peabody for a job well done.

Sincerely,

Louis Churukian, Major
Midwest District Commander

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