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February 13, 1991

Superintendent Thomas A. Constantine
New York State Police
Public Security Building
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Dear Superintendent Constantine:

Attached please find a copy of a memorandum submitted to me by Sergeant Thomas R. Fischer.

The memorandum is self-explanatory, however, I would like to add my appreciation to Troopers Kelley and Schmitter. These two Troopers have established an excellent reputation in this area and are well thought of by the public.

[third-party address and unrelated personal information redacted]

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Tom'.

Thomas J. Cleere, Sheriff

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CC: Major Salvatore Valvo
Sgt. Larry Libihoul
Zone Commander, Auburn
Trooper Steven Kelley
Trooper Frank Schmitter
Sgt. Thomas R. Fischer

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February 13th, 1991

TO: Sheriff Thomas J. Cleere
FROM: Sergeant Thomas R. Fischer 
SUBJECT: Inter-agency cooperation, N.Y.S.P.

Sheriff Cleere:

On February 13th, 1991, Deputy Sheriff Scott A. Warne, Deputy Sheriff Marco A. Rea and I arrested Richard K. Kumuhone, after a brawl at the Fernside Tavern. Kumuhone, in the presence of Deputy Sheriff Warne and I attacked his brother Bobby and Timothy Desgroseilliers, attempting to provoke a fight. Deputy Sheriff Warne immediately arrested Richard Kumuhone, who was highly intoxicated, and charged him with disorderly conduct. Kumuhone was placed into the back seat of unit #310, after which he began to scream obscenities, bang his head on the protective screen and kick the door and door window, apparently trying to escape. I applied a nylon temporary restraining device to Richard Kumuhone's legs to prevent further damage to the unit's door, and injury to Richard Kumuhone.

I realized that Deputy Sheriff Warne would need assistance at the Fayette Town Court with Richard Kumuhone, and that I would not be able to depart the scene immediately, as Bobby Kumuhone and Desgroseilliers did not yet have transportation home, and their vehicle was partially blocking the roadway. I asked Dispatcher Leslie Marquart to request a State Police unit assist Deputy Sheriff Warne at Hon. Kenneth W. Dean's court. Unit 2E19, Troopers Frank Schmitter and Steven Kelley responded to assist.

While at the court, Richard Kumuhone's violent behavior made it necessary for Warne, Schmitter and Kelley physically escort Kumuhone into the court, where he attempted to kick Warne, Schmitter and Kelley. Kumuhone refused to sit down and allow Hon. Kenneth W. Dean to arraign him, and persisted in shouting profanities at the judge and attending officers. It eventually became necessary to re-restrain Kumuhone in a face down position to prevent injury to attending officers and damage to Judge Dean's home.

While unit #310 did sustain some damages, it is obvious that thanks to the assistance of Troopers Kelley and Schmitter, no persons, to include Kumuhone, were injured by his violent behavior, and damage to Judge Dean's home was effectively avoided.

I would like to forward my appreciation to Troopers Kelley and Schmitter for assisting members of my shift. It is nice to know that despite occasional differences we can continue to count on Troopers like Steven Kelley and Frank Schmitter.



THOMAS A. CONSTANTINE
SUPERINTENDENT

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February 26, 1991

Mr. Thomas J. Cleere
Seneca County Sheriff
44 West Williams Street
Waterloo, New York 13165

Tom
Dear Sheriff Cleere:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 13, 1991 expressing appreciation for assistance rendered by two of our members with the arrest of a difficult and violent defendant.

The contents of your correspondence, together with a copy of Sergeant Thomas R. Fischer's memorandum, will be brought to the attention of Trooper Steven M. Kelley, Trooper Frank E. Schmitter and the Troop Commander of Troop "E". Your letter and enclosure will be filed in and made a part of each Trooper's personnel jacket.

We are pleased to have been of service. Thank you for your kind and gracious comments.

Sincerely,

Tom

Thomas A. Constantine
Superintendent