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Trooper Steven M. Kelley
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Dear Trooper Kelley,

On February 3, 1996, the State Police at Auburn was contacted by a woman whose boyfriend had placed a rifle to her head and told her he was going to kill her. She had managed to leave the apartment with her eight month old child earlier that morning. She also advised that her boyfriend had been drinking very heavily on the previous evening.

BCI and Uniform force members quickly established a plan for arresting the boyfriend. Warrants were obtained, and a pass key and floor plan were obtained from the landlord. A perimeter was established, and members went to the door of the apartment. After knocking, movement was heard from within the apartment and the decision to enter was made. The suspect was observed holding the rifle, but was quickly disarmed.

I wish to commend you for your action in this difficult, dangerous arrest. Your clear-headed thinking and decisive actions are what brought this investigation to such a successful conclusion.

Congratulations on a job well done!

Sincerely,


Major David L. Christler
Troop E Commander