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LETTER OF COMMENDATION

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Trooper Steven M. Kelley
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Dear Trooper Kelley,

Your dedication to duty and tenacity to track down and arrest dangerous criminals is highly commendable and a tribute to the New York State Police. An example of this is the ongoing case of the 63 guns stolen from a trucking company in the City of Rochester. As you know the City of Rochester has a very high homicide rate and the addition of 63 guns on the street would clearly put the residents of the City of Rochester in grave danger. On your previous assignment on the stolen vehicle detail you developed an informant who provided good information on several occasions. After your return to SP Waterloo this informant trusted you enough to call you even though you were no longer assigned to the Rochester detail. As a result of this information, along with the investigation by the ATF and the Rochester Police Department, three of the guns stolen in the burglary have already been recovered. The four people involved in the burglary have been identified and are under a federal indictment. Three out of these four people have already been arrested. A fifth person involved in the distribution of the weapons has also been identified. As this case continues to progress it is hoped that more of these guns will be recovered in the coming weeks.

Your ability to cultivate a credible informant has been invaluable in the investigation of this case. There is no way to know how many lives have been saved by the removal of these three guns from the street, not to mention the fact that the people responsible for the theft and distribution of these guns will be tied up in the legal system for some time to come. The residents of the City of Rochester and the public as a whole owe you a sincere thank you for helping to get these guns out of the hands of criminals and for a job well done.

Sincerely,

Major Steven T. White
Troop "E" Commander