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Re: People v Michael Hammons  
CR 2006-208101-FH

Dear Chief Craft:

As you may recall, the defendant in this case was charged with Operating with the Presence of a Controlled Substance Causing Death after he was involved in a fatal automobile crash on Rochester Road during the morning rush hour. Officer Milt Stansbury was assigned to the investigation as the officer-in-charge.

My purpose in writing is to commend the efforts of Officer Stansbury in the investigation and prosecution of this case. As a result of his outstanding police work, the defendant pleaded guilty and is expected to be sentenced to a lengthy prison term.

Officer Stansbury's efforts in this case demonstrate that he is a highly skilled, technically proficient traffic crash investigator. He understands the critical need to anticipate what will be needed at trial from the outset of the investigation. This understanding of the interplay between investigation and prosecution is the hallmark of highly qualified professional.

Beyond his technical proficiency, Officer Stansbury understands that the investigator and prosecutor must work together as a team to prepare a case for trial. This task is always difficult and demanding but is one which is critical. Officer Stansbury's commitment to conducting a thorough investigation and prepare for trial was demonstrated by his enthusiastic willingness to conduct follow-up investigation and meet

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with me on numerous occasions. During one particularly difficult phase, Officer Stansbury insisted that I call him to discuss important test results despite the fact that he was on vacation.

In addition to these important professional qualifications, Officer Stansbury's ability to relate to the victim's family and witnesses in a caring, empathetic manner went a long way to assist them in negotiating this tragedy. I have no doubt that without his kind and caring approach, the family members would have fared even worse.

In over 20 years of working for and with the Troy Police Department, I have come to expect outstanding police work from your officers. Officer Stansbury stands as an outstanding example of the kind of outstanding police work that is done by your department. He has truly found his niche in the Traffic Safety Unit.

The people of the city of Troy are well served by Officer Stansbury and I look forward to working with him on our next case together.

Sincerely,  
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cc: Officer Milt Stansbury