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LETTER OF COMMENDATION

October 3, 2016

Sergeant Jason F. Delos-Santos
New York State Police
Troop "NYC"
New York, New York 10035

Dear Sergeant Delos-Santos:

On September 17, 2016, at 8:40 PM, you and Sergeant Timothy M. Sikorski were informed by Troop NYC Communications of an explosion on West 23rd Street between 6th and 7th Avenues in the Chelsea section of Manhattan. You and Sergeant Sikorski responded to the area of the explosion to offer State Police assistance to the New York Police City Department.

While monitoring NYPD Central Dispatch, multiple calls were reported of a possible secondary improvised explosive device on West 27th Street between 6th and 7th Avenues. You and Sergeant Sikorski were in the immediate vicinity and quickly responded to the area. You both exited your patrol vehicle and started checking the roadway and sidewalks for anything suspicious. Within a few minutes, you and Sergeant Sikorski found a silver-colored pressure cooker wrapped in gray duct tape with wires hanging out. You and Sergeant Sikorski immediately identified the object as a possible IED and quickly secured the scene by stopping traffic on West 27th Street, and evacuating all pedestrians from the area of the device. You and Sergeant Sikorski radioed NYPD Central Dispatch and advised that you had located the apparent IED and requested assistance from NYPD, including Bomb Squad response. The scene was turned over to NYPD and their Bomb Squad members, who removed what was later confirmed to be an unexploded IED. Subsequent examination of the device yielded critical evidence that was instrumental in the identification of the terrorist who was responsible for these acts.

The immediate response by you and Sergeant Sikorski after the Chelsea explosion played a crucial role in the identification and subsequent arrest of the terrorist, who was responsible for bombing locations in two separate states. Your actions helped prevent the potential serious physical injury or death of numerous innocent civilians. Your performance demonstrated a level of professionalism that was in the finest traditions of the New York State Police. You are commended for a job well done.

Sincerely,

George P. Beach II
Superintendent