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Director Leroy Smith
South Carolina Department of Public Safety
10311 Wilson Boulevard
Blythewood, SC 29016

Colonel Leroy Taylor
South Carolina State Transport Police
10311 Wilson Boulevard
Blythewood, SC 29016

Dear Sirs:

I am writing to advise you of the extraordinary generosity shown to my family and me by South Carolina State Transport Police Officers Kevin Gibson and Gerald Sims. Their service reflects well on your state.

On the night of October 8, 2015, my family and I were travelling on Interstate 85 north bound and as we crossed from Georgia into South Carolina, we struck a large piece of debris in the road. The right rear tire on our vehicle failed as a result. As we approached the weigh station near mile marker 9, we pulled in and were immediately greeted by SCSTPOs Kevin Gibson and Gerald Sims. Officers Gibson and Sims provided assistance by summoning a tow truck and by helping identify the nearest BMW dealership where we would need to have our car towed. These officers stayed with us until we had a plan in place. Officer Sims volunteered to transport my girlfriend and her 9 year old daughter to our destination in Greenville. They very much enjoyed the ride. Officer Gibson volunteered to transport me to the dealership, then on to my destination in Greenville. Both officers gave of themselves in a spirit of public service that should be recognized by their superiors. My family and I are eternally grateful.

Officers Sims and Gibson are a credit to your agency, and I would encourage you to afford them every opportunity to do further good deeds on behalf of the citizens of South Carolina.

With kindest regards,


Todd Ashley, Deputy Director
Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia

cc: ✓ The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, SC 29201

SCSTPO Kevin Gibson & SCSTPO Gerald Sims

Gov. Haley,
Good work, and
good works, from two
of SC's finest.

Kindest regards,
Todd Haley