



# **NORTH KINGSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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May 29, 2009

To: **Patrol Officer Jesse Jarvis**  
From: **Captain Patrick Flanagan, Operations Division Commander**

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## **Division Commendation**

It shall be known to all that on this 29th. day of May, 2009 **Patrol Officer Jesse Jarvis** is **COMMENDED** at the Division Level for his dedicated work and professional performance of police duties while serving in the capacity of Police Officer for the citizens and community of North Kingstown, Rhode Island.

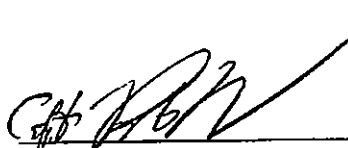
On May 11, 2009 Officer Jesse Jarvis responded to the Labelle House at 7233 Post Road to investigate an attempted suicide by an emotionally disturbed client of that residence. Upon Officer Jarvis's arrival, he met two Labelle House staff members in the woods next to the complex and noticed they were trying to get a client, in the process of trying to hang himself with a noose, out of a tree. The client was hanging by a branch approximately ten feet off the ground. To further complicate matters, the client was armed with a knife.

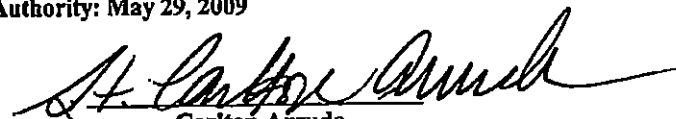
Officer Jarvis immediately sprung into action and assisted the staff in lifting the client up to take pressure off of his neck from the rope. Officer Jarvis also gave several orders to the client to drop his knife from his right hand. The client refused the orders to drop the knife. Officer Jarvis then jumped high enough to swat the knife out of the client's hand causing it to fall to the ground with no harm to the staff on scene.

Despite the valiant attempts to hold the client up, he began to turn blue from the rope around his neck. Officer Jarvis radioed for more police assistance and Officer Scott Cline arrived a short time later and scaled the tree and cut the client down from the tree. A rescue unit arrived on the scene and the client was taken to the hospital with minor injuries and made a full recovery.

Patrolman Jarvis's performance in this matter, resulting in no serious injury to the client or civilians present, demonstrates the high standards and professional conduct of the North Kingstown Police Department. It is with a deep sense of pride that we hereby commend you.

By Command Authority: May 29, 2009

  
Patrick Flanagan  
Captain / Commanding Officer

  
Carlton Arruda  
Lieutenant / Patrol Commander