



NORTH KINGSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To: **Patrol Officer Scott Cline**

From: **Captain Patrick Flanagan, Operations Division Commander**
Lieutenant Carlton Arruda, Patrol Commander

Division Commendation

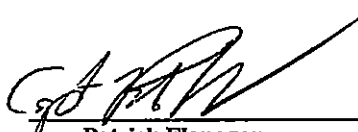
It shall be known to all that on this 29th. day of May, 2009 **Patrol Officer Scott Cline** is **COMMENDED** at the Division Level for his dedicated work and professional performance of police duties while serving in the capacity of Police Officer for the citizens and community of North Kingstown, Rhode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

On May 11, 2009 officers responded to the Labelle House at 7233 Post Road to investigate an attempted suicide by an emotionally disturbed client of that residence. Upon Officer Jesse Jarvis's arrival, he met two Labelle House staff members in the woods next to the complex and noticed they were trying to lift up a client, in the process of trying to hang himself with a noose, in a tree. The client was hanging by a rope tied to a branch approximately ten feet off the ground. The two staff members did not have enough strength to lift the client to relieve the pressure on his neck from the rope. To further complicate matters, the client was armed with a knife in his right hand.

Despite the valiant attempts of Officer Jarvis and the two staff members 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. Without hesitation, Officer Cline scaled the tree and cut the client down from the tree thus, saving him from strangulation. A rescue unit arrived on the scene and the client was taken to the hospital with minor injuries and made a full recovery.

Patrolman Cline'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


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