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COMMENDATION

Officer Arthur,

On April 2, 2010, you were on patrol when you observed suspicious activity involving the welfare of a juvenile. You observed a 15 year old victim walking on 159th Street and your observations were heightened when you saw a van in the area and a male driver that looked suspicious.

You continued to watch the victim and the offender and saw the female cross in front of the van. The offender then motioned to the victim to come to the van and the victim quickened her pace away and appeared to be shaking her head "no". The offender then began to drive away from the area and you conducted a traffic stop. The offender advised he was just waving the victim across in front of his car. You immediately recognized this was not accurate from what you observed.

You had Officer Kachlik meet with the victim who advised that the offender asked her if she wanted a ride and she had replied no and that the offender asked her if she was sure.

You arrested the offender for attempted child abduction and transported him to the station where he was interrogated and subsequently made incriminating statements.

I find that your observation skills and dedication to the law enforcement profession and specifically to the City of Oak Forest is highly commendable. You demonstrated your concern for the victim in this case and conducted an initial investigation to determine any wrong doing. Crimes against juvenile victims are especially heinous and by your efforts in this case, you may have prevented further crimes not only against this victim, but other potential victims. This offender had no prior identified involvement in these types of crimes.

This dedication to the victims of crime and to our residents, demonstrates your commitment to the Oak Forest Police Department mission statement which in part reads:

The mission of the Oak Forest Police Department is to improve the quality of life for all who live in, work in, or who visit our community by delivering professional, effective police services. Members of the Oak Forest Police Department are dedicated to accomplishing the mission by the following:

Identification of criminal activity, the pursuit and apprehension of criminal offenders, and to promote the prosecution of known offenders.

I am commending you for your actions and would like to thank you for a job well done!

Gregory J. Anderson
Chief of Police