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COMMENDATION

Officer Lynch,

Sgt. D'Ambrosio notified me of commendable work done by you in reference to a traffic stop and recovery of a large sum of money which occurred on March 30, 2010 at Laramie and 159th Street in Oak Forest, Illinois.

While on patrol, you initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle and upon checking the license registration, you found the vehicle was registered to a subject whose family was just involved in a large narcotics arrest. The driver had a suspended driver's license and the vehicle was going to be towed for local impound per the ordinance. The two passengers advised they had their property out of the vehicle but the driver told them to get the book bag from the trunk. Being suspicious, you completed an inventory of the book bag and found \$65,700 inside. Based on your stop and the connection to known drug offenders, the USC is under seizure through the States' Attorney's office.

Sgt. D'Ambrosio provided three elements for special attention:

1. Your recognition of the registered owner and the connection to narcotics.
2. You used your instincts that the comments about the book bag were suspicious.
3. Your attention to duty to inventory the bag before a potential release of it.

I find that your dedication to the law enforcement profession and specifically to the City of Oak Forest is highly commendable.

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:

Maintaining a pro-active patrol and investigative force thus reducing the opportunity for the commission of crime and allowing for a greater chance of apprehension and prosecution when a crime does transpire.

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

Gregory J. Anderson
Chief of Police