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Sheriff Devlin,

I wanted to take a moment to send a personnel Thank You to your Office and your Officers for the assistance they provided me during a stop on December 15, 2012. While Iâ€™m certain this should be something that my supervision should be conveying to you and your Agency, I am personally taking the initiative to let you know that I appreciate all of the assistance your Agency has provided.

On December 15, 2012 at approximately 12:20 pm, I initiated a vehicle and traffic stop on a 2008 Hyundai Elantra for operating without a valid inspection sticker on Interstate 88 in the Town of Maryland. I interviewed the 24-year-old male driver from the Town of Esperance. While interviewing the driver I immediately detected the odor of marihuana emanating from the vehicle. I directed the driver to exit the vehicle and began questioning him in regards to his destination and other basic non-threatening questions. During my questioning, I noticed that the suspect was extremely nervous. I then questioned the suspect in regards to the odor of marihuana that was detected. The suspect became extremely defensive and stated that he wanted to leave. I advised him that he was not free to leave and that I would be conducting a search utilizing K9 Mya. The suspect then admitted to me that he was in possession of marihuana and that he had an illegally possessed handgun in the center console. I immediately contacted your Office via 911 and requested assistance from Deputy Stan Cade. Stan immediately responded to my location and assisted me in securing the other three occupants of the vehicle.

Additionally, Deputy John McGillivray also responded to my location and provided assistance with our investigation.

We conducted a probable cause search of the vehicle which revealed a loaded .380 Colt handgun in the center console of the vehicle. We also located 4.5 grams of marihuana, a marihuana cigarette, a Beretta .9mm handgun, and a Rock River Assault rifle. A weapon check on all of the weapons was negative. Also located in the vehicle was a Bearcat Police scanner and black ski mask. All of the occupants of the vehicle were secured and transported to SP Oneonta for processing and further questioning with assistance from Deputy Cade.

The driver admitted to owning the police scanner because he was a licensed security guard and wanted to know when the police were responding to his facility. Although none of the suspects made admissions regarding other criminal activity, a strong message was sent to these four suspects. The three passengers were charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 4th. Two of the passengers were also charged with Unlawful Possession of Marihuana. The driver was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon, Unlawful Possession of a Police Scanner, Unlawful Possession of Marihuana and Vehicle and Traffic violations.

(Additionally, this was the second stop and arrest that Deputy Cade had assisted me with that day.)

I wanted to share this with you and hope that you pass along my appreciation to your deputies.

Thank you again

Wishing you and everyone at OCSO a safe Holiday Season.

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