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To: Major Chuck McDougald

Re: Commendation for Officers-Welfare concern

I would like to submit this letter of commendation to recognize Officer Josh Miller and Officer Cameron Jones. Their quick actions and verbal skills allowed them to change the course of an otherwise fateful incident.

On September 5, 2022, Officers Miller and Jones responded to a call of a male subject sitting on the Southern Heights bridge over MS Hwy 6. Officer Miller made contact with Mark Lockhart and engaged him in conversation. During this time Officer Jones was able to get into position, and ultimately was able to get his arms around Mr. Lockhart and lift him off the ledge. There were no injuries to officer or Mr. Lockhart. Medics were called due to his telling the officers he was having marital problems and was just wanting it to be over. During the wait for medics officers continued to reassure him that help was available and he would be ok.

I would like to commend these two officer on a job well done. Their actions reflect on our department as to who we are and the professional qualities our officers possess.

Respectfully,  
Captain Marty Mask