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Chief Donald J. Lee, Jr.  
Key West Police Department  
1604 N. Roosevelt Blvd.  
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Re: Officer Deglys Chavarria

Dear Chief Lee,

I am writing to personally commend Officer Deglys Chavarria. During the last two and a half years, I have had the pleasure of working with Officer Chavarria on many cases, including discovery depositions, motions to suppress, trials, and also during a class he taught at the FKCC Institute for Public Safety. He has always been nothing but accessible, professional, and competent.

I recently tried a case in which he was the arresting officer (*State v. Barry Klein*, 2010-MM-921-A-K) against a defense attorney who has a well deserved reputation for unkind treatment of testifying law enforcement officers. Officer Chavarria demonstrated uncommon composure, patience, and equanimity on the witness stand, and his fine performance—both in the field and on the witness stand—unquestionably contributed to a successful result. He is a credit to himself, the Traffic Unit, and the Key West Police Department.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cristina Spottswood".

Cristina Spottswood  
Assistant State Attorney