

November 10, 2014

Trooper Pettit  
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Dear Trooper Pettit,

Today marks 21 months since I met you. You came to my door on February 10, 2013 at about 5:30 am to advise me that my daughter, \_\_\_\_\_ had been in an accident. By far the most horrific event in my life and you had to be the one to tell me. I want you to know that I have thought about you so many times and how very kind you were. You and Linda Hunter were both so patient with my confusion and disbelief. I felt so badly that you had to do that part of your job because I could tell it hurt you both. I'm certain since that time you've had to knock on many more doors with the same horrible news and I want you to know that your presence made a difference in my scenario.

I attempted to write you a 'thank you note' to you in the past but I struggled getting the words out. I still cry (ok...weep) when I think of you in your Trooper hat in my doorway. You towered above Linda. I was certain you had the wrong house. I remember only a few things from that morning, including your calm and kind demeanor as I worked through the insanity that filled my heart and mind.

Alexa was a very kind, joyous young woman and I know she would be disturbed that she caused you any sadness. For that, please accept her gratitude for doing what you do and did for her and her family. It has been such a rough journey without her but I am confident her journey has been filled with joy and happiness. That reality alone gets me through many difficult moments.

Thank you for all you did for me on February 10, 2013. I hope you are well and blessed. I wish you all the best in life.

Warmest regards and much gratitude,