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LETTER OF COMMENDATION

**INVESTIGATOR TODD ALLEN
PATROL OFFICER ARIANA ZUK**

November 22, 2016

It is with great pleasure that I concur with the recommendations of your supervisors in issuing each of you a Letter of Commendation for your actions in your handling of a person having a mental health crisis on October 23rd, 2016. In the early morning hours the officers responded to a report of a person that broke through a glass door to a business and was holding pieces of the glass to harm herself. Inv. Allen and P.O. Zuk successfully made contact with the female and utilizing de-escalation training and techniques began a lengthy interaction with the female. After some time they were able to convince the female to put down the glass and were able to lead her to an ambulance and transportation to the Emergency Room for treatment.

Both officers exhibited exceptional patience, compassion, and proper safety procedures to bring this incident to a peaceful resolution. Inv. Allen and P.O. Zuk are commended for their actions on this morning that reflect favorably on themselves and all the members of the Lakewood Police Department.

Respectfully,

Chief Timothy J. Malley