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To: Commissioner of Public Safety Frank J. Trabucco (thru channels)

From: Detective Lieutenant Robert J. Long, Commanding, Major Crime Unit

Subject: Recommendation for Trooper William G. McGreal for "Trooper of the Year" Award

This officer respectfully requests that Trooper William G. McGreal be considered for the "Trooper of the Year" Award.

During most of the past year I have had the pleasure of having Trooper McGreal working under my command while he was assigned to the Major Crime Unit at Boston.

It wasn't long before I found that Trooper McGreal possessed an unstinting devotion to duty, courage, initiative and unique investigative ability. I found him to be held in high esteem by his fellow officers in law enforcement, as well as the prosecutors in the various District Attorney's Offices.

The productiveness from Trooper McGreal's many diversified talents over the past year alone resulted in his making (38) thirty-eight felony arrests, the solving of more than one-quarter million dollars in armed robberies, the confiscation of \$230,000 in controlled substances, the seizing of (18) eighteen firearms and the recovery of \$185,000 in stolen property.

Below I have incorporated a few of Trooper McGreal's accomplishments, which are not all inclusive, of the last year.

DECEMBER, 1980

On December 4, 1980 three masked men carrying a sawed-off shotgun and two handguns held up a Brink's truck making a money transfer at the First National Bank on Centre St., Jamaica Plain. The robbers made off with \$153,500. On December 8, 1980 Tpr. McGreal developed information from a confidential source regarding Joseph Smith, an escapee from

Deer Island House of Correction with prior convictions and time served at MCI Walpole for armed robbery. On December 8, 1980, after a lengthy surveillance, Tpr. McGreal arrested Smith. Following Smith's arrest Tpr. McGreal developed a rapport with Smith. On December 10, 1980 Smith contacted Tpr. McGreal and asked him to come to Deer Island House of Correction at Deer Island. Smith admitted his role in the Brink's hold-up and agreed to cooperate with Tpr. McGreal and testify in this case. On December 11, 1980 Smith was brought to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office where he gave Tpr. McGreal a full statement. As a result of the information Smith provided and subsequent investigation by Tpr. McGreal, Tpr. McGreal applied for arrest and search warrants at the Boston Municipal Court.

On December 12, 1980 Tpr. McGreal arrested Stephen Rossetti, an alleged participant at his East Boston home and executed a search warrant seizing masks, jackets, and other items worn during the hold-up and more than \$8,000 which has been identified as part of the money taken. In addition Tpr. McGreal found evidence which led officers to a Winthrop apartment storage bin where 2 sawed-off shotguns, 2 handguns and five silencers, plus the gun taken from the Brink's guard the day of the hold-up were recovered. In addition evidence at the Rossetti home was seized which led to the obtaining of another search warrant and recovery of \$10,000 worth of jewelry taken from a Framingham couple, who were the victims of an armed home invasion in November 1980 in which they were tied up by two masked men who were armed with handguns. To date Louis Royce, an known and dangerous bank robber, Kevin Whitford, who has a lengthy criminal record and Stephen Rossetti, another convicted felon; have all been arrested and charged in connection with the Brink's case. Rossetti has additionally been indicted in the home invasion and another subject, Joseph Souza, a convicted armed robber has been indicted in both cases and the subject of an on-going fugitive investigation.

NOVEMBER, 1980

During November 1980, while on time off in Boston, Tpr. McGreal observed an individual fitting the description of a subject wanted for rape of a 15 year old female, by the Lynn Police Department. As this individual began to leave the area Tpr. McGreal identified himself as a State Police Officer and asked him for identification. This individual, later identified as Bruce Campo, immediately kicked and struck Tpr. McGreal in an attempt to get away. Tpr. McGreal was able to struggle with Campo until Boston P. D. arrived to give assistance. As a result of Campo's arrest the 15 year old rape victim positively identified Campo as her assailant. Campo had just been released from MCI Walpole after serving time for assault with intent to murder after he tried to shoot a police officer.

OCTOBER, 1980 THRU FEBRUARY, 1981

For a five month period between October 1980 and February 1981 a rash of masked armed robberies of supermarkets and department

stores occurred in the Middlesex and Suffolk County areas. Tpr. McGreal studied the developments and patterns of these robberies and quickly initiated and coordinated a meeting of all police departments concerned to pool this information. As a result, Tpr. McGreal identified one Stephen Kelleher as the individual who had held-up the Zayre's Department Store in Revere of \$13,000 on November 22, 1980. When Tpr. McGreal went to Kelleher's home on March 3, 1981, armed with a warrant for his arrest, he found Kelleher armed with a sawed-off shotgun and a stolen handgun taken from a security guard during one of the robberies. Tpr. McGreal quickly developed a rapport with Kelleher which led to Kelleher confessing to Tpr. McGreal the identification of his accomplices to (11) eleven of these armed robberies which netted him \$100,000 during that five month period.

MARCH, 1981

On March 14, 1981 Tpr. McGreal received information from an informant that a subject by the name of Thomas Milton had confided in the informant that he had stabbed and killed an individual out in the western part of the United States a few weeks before. Working with only that information Tpr. McGreal was subsequently able to confirm the murder happening on February 27, 1981 in Santa Rosa, California.

As a result Tpr. McGreal arrested Milton for the above murder and obtained a search warrant for the apartment he was staying at, where he recovered several critical pieces of evidence to tie Milton to the murder.

JULY, 1980

On July 25, 1980 Tpr. McGreal received information from a confidential source regarding William Haverty, a former member of SDS and Weatherman and a subject who has a lengthy criminal record, having served time in MCI Walpole and Federal Penitentiaries in the East and West Coast and was wanted for defaulting on an illegal gun carrying charge. As a result of the information he received Tpr. McGreal went to the West Roxbury Court and obtained two search warrants for a Jamaica Plain address. After obtaining these warrants Tpr. McGreal went to the Haverty residence, made a forceful entry into his first floor apartment, Haverty pulled a loaded, stolen, .25 caliber handgun on Tpr. McGreal who jumped Haverty, scuffled with him and disarmed him. During Haverty's arrest and subsequent search of his apartment a quantity of heroin and stolen property from several commercial and residential burglaries, valued at more than \$5,000 was recovered. In addition, an entire Massachusetts drivers license counterfeiting operation was uncovered and cameras, Registry materials, off-set printed Department of Public Safety pistol permits, social security cards and other forms of identification were seized as well as more than 100 stolen checks, a key to relay mail boxes, one additional handgun and two rifles, all of which were stolen. As a result of the above Haverty pleaded guilty to a five year sentence in MCI Walpole.

DECEMBER, 1980

On December 24, 1980 Tpr. McGreal, again on time off, had occasion to be at Jasons Restaurant, Boston. Tpr. McGreal observed a known organized crime figure engaged in a heated discussion with an unknown individual. Moving closer, Tpr. McGreal observed a bulge under the subjects jacket which he believed was a gun. Tpr. McGreal called the Boston Police but the subject left the restaurant before they arrived. At this time, outside the restaurant Tpr. McGreal identified himself as a State Police Officer and pat frisked the subject, later identified as Antonio Mazza of East Boston and found Mazza to be carrying, without being licensed, a stolen 4 barrel, fully loaded handgun, before placing him under arrest.

Anyone of the above incidents alone merit commendation. However, during the course of the year Trooper McGreal was also able to bring to a successful conclusion the following investigations as well.

JULY, 1980

On July 29, 1980, while on time off, Tpr. McGreal had occasion to be using a public payphone in Medford when he was approached by an individual named Brian Consalvi. At this time Consalvi, who had just recently been released from MCI Concord for a house invasion, engaged in a conversation with Tpr. McGreal about drugs in general. From their conversation Tpr. McGreal determined that Consalvi was a large scale dealer. Capitalizing on the inadvertent meeting and potential for making a case Tpr. McGreal subsequently consummated a deal with Consalvi for 15 lbs. of hashish for \$5,000 for later that evening. When Consalvi subsequently arrived that night and completed the transaction with Tpr. McGreal he was arrested for distribution of a controlled substance. Tpr. McGreal then went to East Boston Court and obtained a search warrant for Consalvi's East Boston residence. Upon execution of the warrant officers found a clandestine drug laboratory set up in Consalvi's home and additional \$100,000 worth of controlled substance being produced for distribution. Consalvi, who had been the subject of investigation by many local police departments, pled guilty in Somerville District Court and was stenced to 1 year in the Billerica House of Correction.

JUNE, 1980

On June 24, 1980 Tpr. McGreal developed information from a confidential source concerning two individuals from the Quincy area who were active in dealing cocaine in the greater Boston area. As a

result, Tpr. McGreal obtained a search warrant from Quincy District Court for the apartment the above subjects were operating from. Later that evening a forceful entry at that apartment led to the recovery of 3/4 lb. of cocaine with a street value of \$40,000. Also seized was approximately \$5,000 in stolen clothing as well as a violin stolen in a Cambridge housebreak which was valued at \$10,000. As a result Donna Ferguson, age 21 and Rudy Pimental, age 26, were arrested for the above offenses. Both Ferguson and Pimental were subsequently found guilty and received a five year suspended state prison sentence and ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine. Additionally Pimental forfeited \$3,400 seized during the raid to the State Police Narcotics Unit.

AUGUST, 1980

On August 2, 1980 Tpr. McGreal was assigned to attempt to infiltrate an Orleans based group of drug smugglers with international connections. Having made contact with these subjects on the first day, without the aid of an informant, Tpr. McGreal in six weeks became the "off-load" manager of a plan to smuggle 30 tons on marijuana into Massachusetts. The participants travelled to Florida and then Columbia, South America after making elaborate plans here. On September 14, 1980, when these six subjects returned, Tpr. McGreal picked them up at Logan Airport and drove them to Orleans where 3/4 lb. of cocaine was seized, valued at \$90,000. As a result of Tpr. McGreal's undercover work six individuals were later indicted in Barnstable Superior Court for conspiracy to smuggle the 30 tons of marijuana. One of these subjects has already pled guilty and paid a \$10,000 fine, 2 others are in default and the rest are awaiting trial.

JULY, 1979

On July 15, 1979 a Kennebunk, Maine man was kidnapped at gun-point by 4 armed subjects. On August 23, 1979 Christopher Trioli of Cambridge disappeared. Trioli had gone to Stoneham to deliver 1½ lbs. of cocaine to James Castrucci. As a result of these two incidents. Tpr. McGreal went to Kennebunk, Maine and developed information on these subjects who were "ripping off" drug dealers. As a result of the trip to Maine Tpr. McGreal recieved a positive ID on Castrucci and Paul Morano in connection with the Maine incident. As a result of this investigation Tpr. McGreal arrested Castrucci and Raymond Ghizzoni in Stoneham on February 27, 1980 in possession of a loaded shotgun. Tpr. McGreal then obtained a search warrant for Castrucci's home, seizing 6 additional guns including a stolen .25 caliber handgun. On July 2, 1980 Tpr. McGreal developed information which led to the arrest of Morano by Vermont State Police Officers and DEA Agents. Morano was armed at the time of his arrest with a stolen handgun taken in Braintree gun store break. Morano was returned to Massachusetts to stand trial for shooting a subject outside of Jason's Restaurant in Boston, a charge for which he was wanted on default for at the time of his arrest.

JULY, 1980

On July 11, 1980 Tpr. McGreal received information from a confidential informant regarding Jeffrey Witol. Witol had been arrested in a pharmacy burglary in Brattleboro, Vt., but provided false identification during his arrest and managed to get bailed. Witol then fled to Massachusetts where he was wanted for violation of parole. On October 3, 1980 a source of Tpr. McGreal's contacted him and told him that Witol was presently incarcerated at Salem House of Correction, under a false name, this following his arrest for heroin violations. Tpr. McGreal contacted the Parole Department with whom he had been working on this case. Officers of the Parole Department went to Salem and arrested Witol for violation of parole and returned him to MCI Walpole.

JULY, 1980

On July 17, 1980 Tpr. McGreal, while on time off, had occasion to be at the Norwell Barracks dropping off reports. While there he observed an individual known to him as Richard Ferguson talking to the desk officer and signing property recovery sheets on another matter. Having knowledge of Ferguson's criminal background; armed robbery, assault with intent to murder, firearms violations, Tpr. McGreal discreetly had the desk officer detain Ferguson while he checked with local departments as to any outstanding warrants. As a result of a check with District 15, Boston Police Department, revealed that Ferguson was wanted by that department for burglary. Tpr. McGreal then arrested Ferguson and turned him over to the Boston Police for prosecution.

JULY, 1980

On July 30, 1980 Tpr. McGreal developed information about a respectable construction corporation from Dedham allegedly dealing in stolen heavy construction equipment. Tpr. McGreal subsequently obtained a search warrant for the companies premises and recovered a \$30,000 stolen backhoe.

JULY, 1980

Later that evening, on the same date, Tpr. McGreal, while on time off, had occasion to be at the North Station in Boston when he saw two individuals acting suspiciously. As Tpr. McGreal watched their activities he identified one of these subjects as Lorretto Souci, an individual under investigation by ATF for illegal gun trafficking. A short surveillance revealed to Tpr. McGreal that both Thomas R. Mullen and Lorretto Souci were consummating drug deals with various young people who were approaching them. Tpr. McGreal then immediately approached these subjects and placed them under arrest for possession of controlled substances with intent to distribute.

SEPTEMBER, 1980

On September 24, 1980 Tpr. McGreal received information about one Kenneth Garne of Stoneham, allegedly a dealer in large quantities of cocaine. As a result Tpr. McGreal set up a surveillance on the Stoneham home. Spending many hours on time off, without compensation, until he developed information that resulted in the issuance of a search warrant for the residence. A search revealed a large quantity of cocaine. Three subjects were arrested and all pled guilty.

NOVEMBER, 1980

On November 17, 1980 Tpr. McGreal developed information concerning a number of individuals that were breaking into mail boxes and stealing checks. As a result of this investigation Tpr. McGreal recovered \$41,080 in stolen checks before they were able to be cashed.

NOVEMBER, 1980

Two days later, on November 19, 1980, Tpr. McGreal, in an undercover capacity, recovered a rare antique violin made during the early 1600's and valued at \$50,000 that had been stolen in a Cambridge burglary in 1976.

DECEMBER, 1980

On December 2, 1980 Tpr. McGreal had occasion to dine at a restaurant in the North End section of Boston. As he exited the restaurant he observed two individuals acting suspiciously at the trunk area of a vehicle. After a short surveillance Tpr. McGreal approached the individuals and identified himself as a State Police officer and discovered a stolen \$2,000 IBM typewriter being sold by a former Boston Police officer to a well known Boston fence, and as a result, this subject is currently under investigation for a \$15,000 theft from Bunker Hill Community College.

DECEMBER, 1980

On December 12, 1980 Tpr. McGreal, while transporting Stephen Rossetti from Boston Police Headquarters to District 4 with other officers, observed a woman screaming for help. Tpr. McGreal went to her aid and apprehended Larry Gladfelter for unarmed robbery/handbag snatch. Tpr. McGreal recovered the victims handbag and later determined Gladfelter to be a fugitive from the State of Nebraska.

DECEMBER, 1980

On December 31, 1980 Tpr. McGreal assisted in developing information of a New Years Eve drug party that was to take place at the Radisson-Ferncroft Hotel in Danvers, Mass. later that evening. The

alleged attendees at this party were a group of individuals responsible for a number of armed robberies in the greater Boston area. As a result Tpr. McGreal set up a surveillance and subsequently obtained a search warrant for the motel room. Execution of the warrant resulted in the seizure of a large quantity of narcotics, two stolen handguns and the arrest of seven individuals that were present for the aforementioned offenses.

JANUARY, 1981

On January 13, 1981 when Tpr. McGreal exited General Headquarters at Boston he noticed two individuals in a car outside, stopped at a traffic light. As he passed by, he thought that he saw one of these individuals with drug paraphenalia. Tpr. McGreal ordered the car over to the side of the road and subsequently arrested both subjects for narcotic violations and possession of a number of stolen credit cards. An extensive background check on these individuals revealed one of these subjects to be wanted by the United States Immigration Service for federal violations/ The Immigration Service was then contacted and the subject was deported from the United States the following day.

JANUARY, 1981

During January 1981 Tpr. McGreal solved two shootings that had occurred in Boston in October, 1980. One individual, Richard Gillis, was shot in the North End and another individual named Bartholomew Albano was shot three days later at the Howard Johnson's, Dorchester. The information of these shootings was turned over to the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

FEBRUARY, 1981

During February, 1981 Tpr. McGreal developed information on George Georgopolous, a dangerous escapee from the Billerica House of Correction. Tpr. McGreal spent numerous nights on his own time surveilling most of Georgopolous' known associates. These surveillances paid off with Tpr. McGreal arresting Georgopolous after he showed up at his former girlfriend's house in Brighton.

MARCH, 1981

On March 6, 1981 Tpr. McGreal developed information that a well known receiver in Revere was currently in possession of a large amount of stolen property recently taken during several housebreaks. Trooper McGreal obtained and executed a search warrant at the suspects home where he discovered the aforementioned property. But while at the

defendant's home Tpr. McGreal answered the defendant's telephone and engaged in a conversation in an undercover capacity to the caller (later identified as Robert Donati, a well known organized crime figure), who was bartering to sell stolen oriental rugs to the receiver. As a result of this telephone conversation with Donati, Tpr. McGreal went to Donati's home and recovered \$15,000 worth of stolen orientals - recently stolen in several South Shore housebreaks.

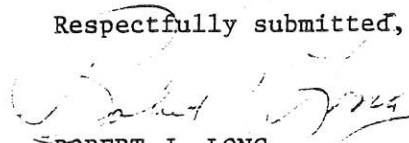
APRIL, 1981

On April 8, 1981 Tpr. McGreal was assigned to assist the Rhode Island State Police in connection with a \$197,000 embezzlement. As a result Tpr. McGreal put together enough evidence in the case to obtain a search warrant for the defendants (Richard Hobba) residence on Beacon St., Boston. Upon execution of the search warrant evidence was located indicating his involvement in the embezzlement of \$910,000 from a Rhode Island bank. In addition, when Hobba was brought to General Headquarters for booking Tpr. McGreal was able to obtain a full confession from Hobba for the embezzlement.

In accomplishing this clearly superior police work the reputation of the Massachusetts State Police has been greatly enhanced. The diligence, effort and integrity which characterized Trooper McGreal's work of the past year I feel should not go unrecognized.

It is for these reasons that I base my recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



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