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Christopher Erickson
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Dear Mr. Erickson:

At about 1:40 p.m. on December 19, 2008, you and your brother, Matthew, were walking near the King Soopers store at 7984 West Alameda Avenue. The two of you had just left the store after doing some shopping. As you walked east from the store, you heard one man yelling at another to stop and get down on the ground.

You both recognized the man yelling as the security officer from the King Soopers store and could see that the suspect was not complying. Without hesitation, both you and your brother ran to help the security officer as the foot chase went south through the Lakewood Commons Shopping Center and continued to the Belmar Library. You assisted the officer in locating the suspect who was found hiding in the library restroom.

As the security officer attempted to take him into custody he was met with resistance from the suspect who began struggling and pushing the officer. You jumped in and your brother Matthew stood ready to assist if needed. The suspect was quickly restrained however, and was eventually turned over to responding agents from the Lakewood Police Department. Charges of robbery and assault were brought against the suspect.

Christopher, your willingness to get involved and assist the security officer ensured that those who would commit such crimes will be held accountable. It is with great pleasure that I award you with a Citizen's Commendation from the Lakewood Police Department.

Sincerely,

Kevin Paletta
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