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Rick Churches, Chief of Police

Letter of Appreciation

To: David Stechenfinger

From: Chief Rick Churches

Re: Case EH-00009-22

Date: January 21, 2022

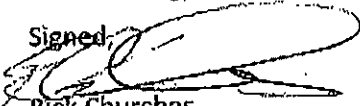
On January 9th, 2022, Officer Alec Kerbein was working the day tour by himself when he was dispatched to an attempted suicide at an apartment building on College Avenue. Upon the arrival of Officer Kerbein he found a male subject hanging by his neck from a beam on a porch.

Officer Kerbein was assisted by an off duty corrections officer David Stechenfinger and got the subject down on the ground. CPR was performed and they were able to bring the subject back to life. The subject was transported to the hospital by medical personnel and unfortunately was died later that day.

The efforts of Officer Stechenfinger are to be commended. Although not in an official capacity at the time of this incident, he swung into action and made his best effort to save a life and assist the police officers that responded.

Thank you for being a good citizen and going above and beyond. Thank you also for your service as a New York State Correctional Officer.

Signed:


Rick Churches
Chief of Police