

Ohio State Highway Patrol

Media Release

General Headquarters • Columbus, Ohio



For Immediate Release: July 16, 2008

Contact: Lt. Tony Bradshaw or Sgt. Anne Ralston (614) 752-2792

Trooper honored for work in counterterrorism investigations

COLUMBUS – Tpr. Kent J. Stambaugh was honored today at the Ohio State Highway Patrol’s Academy for his investigative work, which led to the arrest and criminal conviction of three men conspiring to commit terrorist acts and conspiring to provide material support to terrorists.

Major Robert Booker, Commander of the Office of Investigative Services, presented a Certificate of Recognition to Tpr. Stambaugh, for his exemplary performance in counterterrorism investigations.

Tpr. Stambaugh served on behalf of the Patrol as a member of the FBI’s Northern Ohio Joint Terrorism Task Force for more than six years. Two years ago, he initiated an investigation into one of three Ohio residents who were accused of conspiring to kill or maim persons outside of the United States, including U.S. military personnel serving in Iraq, and conspiring to provide material support to terrorists. The men were also accused of distributing information regarding the manufacture or use of explosives, including suicide bomb vests and improvised explosive devices. (IEDs)

Working with other participating agencies in the task force, Tpr. Stambaugh collected critical information which ultimately resulted in the arrest of all those who participated in the conspiracy. He worked tirelessly with federal prosecutors, the FBI, and other agencies to complete this case. His efforts resulted in numerous pieces of vital evidence through the use of a variety of investigative techniques. On June 13, 2008, a jury in Toledo, Ohio found the men guilty on all counts.

Tpr. Stambaugh began training as a member of the 117th Academy class in March 1988. He earned his commission in September of that year and was assigned to the Defiance Post. Two years later he transferred to the Bowling Green Post. In June 1997 he transferred to his current position at the Toledo District Office of Investigations.

Originally from Toledo, Tpr. Stambaugh currently resides in Bowling Green with his wife, Hildegard.

#

#

#

08-076 cert_rec_Stambaugh