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Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 5-30 Support Inspires Two Private Businesses to Partner for Good Samaritan Car Repairs

JACKSONVILLE, FL. February 26, 2010 – The Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 5-30 is pleased to announce they have received support from two local Jacksonville companies for repairs to a Good Samaritan’s truck.

Autocrafters Collision Center and Keith Pierson Toyota both reached out to FOP President Nelson Cuba after local media reports that the FOP would pay for the repair costs of the 2000 Toyota Tundra belonging to Lawton Walker. Autocrafters has agreed to repair the truck and cover all the labor costs while Keith Pierson Toyota will donate all the parts needed.

Walker, a construction framer, used his truck in an attempt to stop murder suspect Raynold Orelus from fleeing the scene of the shooting at a fast food restaurant. Walker does not carry property damage insurance on his vehicle and would have to pay out of his own pocket for the repairs.

“It is in situations like this when I am blessed to call Jacksonville my home” says, Nelson Cuba, President of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 5-30. “Our members fight to protect and serve the citizens of this community daily and when we can partner with private businesses to help individuals who have put their own life on the line for another, our involvement is a no-brainer”.

Bruce Hartley, Business Development Manager for Autocrafters said, “Being able to assist Lawton Walker with the repairs to his Toyota truck in conjunction with Keith Pierson Toyota is the least we can do to thank him for his heroic efforts and helping officers apprehend the suspect in this awful tragedy.”

The Jacksonville FOP is a non-profit organization that protects and defends the interests of law enforcement officers of the Jacksonville Sheriff’s Office. In addition to negotiating wages, benefits and terms and conditions of employment, the FOP guards the health, welfare and safety of its members through its program services. Lodge 5-30 is well known for its service to the community and to local charities. Representing almost three thousand active and retired Jacksonville police officers, correctional officers and sworn bailiffs, Lodge 5-30 is the largest law enforcement organization in the State of Florida and the 7th largest FOP lodge in the United States.

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