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Chief Dave Hoover  
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Dear Chief Hoover:

It is with great pleasure that I have named Detective John Lombardi as *Top Cop* for the month of November 2016. Detective Lombardi handled the rape case against James Lane.

Detective Lombardi did an excellent and thorough job investigating the case against Lane. Because of his diligence and exceptional investigative skills, we were able to secure a successful conviction against Lane.

Assistant Prosecutor Tom Kroll nominated Detective Lombardi as *Top Cop* for his hard work and assistance on this case. Lane was convicted of rape and was sentenced by Judge Paul Gallagher to life in prison.

Congratulations on having a *Top Cop* at the Springfield Township Police Department. We appreciate your department and all of your officers' hard work.

Sincerely,

**SHERRI BEVAN WALSH**  
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