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To whom it may concern,

Scott Davidson is one of two beat reporters in our newsroom I would have liked to work with on our Investigative Team.

He has all the right qualities.

He's dogged, persistent, relentless - a real hammerhead when it comes to pursuing a story and sticking with it in the face of criticism. He's not afraid of the confrontational interview and has the empathy needed to draw details from a reluctant source.

Last year, he produced a series of stories about the North Port Police Department's K-9 unit that showed off his skills. He peppered the agency with FOIA requests, gathered and analyzed data on dog bites, identified and interviewed victims, got them to share their traumatic experiences, kept after callous and defensive police officers and showed little ego in the editing process.

But what impresses me the most about him is that he wants to learn. Nothing bores him. Nothing is too small. Everything is an opportunity.

Always positive and happy, he was a pleasure to work with and I hope I get another chance in the future.

If you need other information about his character or work habits, please call me at 941-361-4877.

All the best

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Braga", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael Braga  
Investigations Editor

Winner of the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Investigative Journalism