



MBTA Transit Police

Personnel Order

Number: 2007-158

Date: December 10, 2007

Subject: **CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION- DEREK MOTTO**

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At approximately 8:15 PM, on Thursday, September 27, 2007 a 29-year old male suspect forcefully grabbed the purse of a 79-year old woman was waiting on the Downtown Crossing Red Line platform and attempted to flee the area. The victim refused to let go of her purse and was dragged by the suspect into the iron maiden exit gate, causing injury to the elderly victim. Mr. Derek Motto, a bystander also on the platform, witnessed this act and immediately assisted the victim by holding the bars of the iron maiden in place, trapping the suspect, and preventing further injury to the victim.

Officer Flynn responded to the incident and effected the arrest of the trapped suspect and summoned emergency medical services for the victim. Mr. Motto then identified himself and offered statements to Officer Flynn to assist in the prosecution of the suspect.

Mr. Motto's timely and heroic actions prevented a potentially dangerous felony suspect from escaping the scene of a crime and enabled police to make an apprehension and recover critical evidence as well as provided the victim with protection from further injury. During an incident where time was a critical factor Mr. Motto responded in a courageous and selfless manner. His actions are deserving of the recognition and thanks of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and the MBTA Transit Police Department.

Based on the *Service Before Self* demonstrated by Mr. Motto, a dangerous felon was arrested. Derek Motto is hereby awarded a *Certificate of Commendation*, The Commendation Ceremony will be held at 10:30 AM on December 18, 2007, at Transit Police Headquarters.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. S. Macmillan".

PAUL S. MACMILLAN
Acting Chief