



Date of occurrence: July 21, 2012

Employee Name: Sergeant Jay Matelis
Communications Supervisor Susie Sperbeck
Officer Bryant Luke
Officer Loxley Arch

Unit/Division: Patrol

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation

Narrative:

On Saturday July 21, 2012 at 6:18PM, Surfside Police Officers responded to the 9000 block of Collins Ave in reference to a subject who was following a woman home from the beach. Sgt. Matelis and Officer Luke made contact with the subject in the area of the Surfclub parking lot at which point the subject fled on foot. Sgt. Matelis pursued the subject on foot south on Collins Ave into oncoming traffic to the 8900 block of Abbott Ave. where Officers Luke and Arch responded and attempted to apprehend him. Officer Luke quickly advised the MDPD Municipal dispatch and SPD dispatch communications Supervisor Sperbeck of perimeter points needed to contain the subject at large who had fled through the backyards of homes on Harding Ave.

Sgt. Torres, Officers Carrasquillo, Leonard and Lovellette also responded to the scene and established perimeter points between Harding and Abbott Avenue and 89 and 90 Streets. MDPD K-9 and Aviation responded to assist with the search. Sergeant Torres and Officers Lovellette and Luke along with MDPD K-9 located the subject behind 8911 Abbott Ave where the subject was taken into custody without further incident.

Sergeant Matelis, Communications Supervisor Sperbeck, Officers Luke and Arch also remained after their shift to assist with the search and completed reports and notifications. Communications Supervisor Sperbeck also did an exceptional job of keeping the caller on the phone line and obtaining a very accurate description of the subject at large. This crime was a high priority and exceptional and efficient police work was conducted by all in a short period of time. All personnel are thanked and praised for their dedication to the community and the arrest of the subject.