

## **Surfside Police Department**



## Award and/or commendation

Date of occurrence: July 21, 2012

**Employee Name:** Sergeant J. Pacheco and Officer J. Gentile

**Unit/Division:** Patrol

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation

## **Narrative:**

On Wednesday September 26, 2012 at 4:38AM, While on proactive patrol in the residential due to recent auto burglaries Sgt. Pacheco observed two males in the area of 600 91 Street riding their bicycles towards a parked vehicle. The two subjects were working together, one was the look out and the other went inside the vehicle. As Sgt. Pacheco approached the subjects in his vehicle to make contact both subjects fled the area on their bicycles. Officer Gentile was able to locate the subjects at the 9200 Block of Dickens Avenue and detained them.

Both subjects had multiple burglary tools in their possession as well as stolen coins and sunglasses from a second vehicle in the residential area which was parked at the 9200 Block of Carlyle Avenue. The subjects were placed into custody and transported to jail. A records check revealed both subjects had extensive criminal past and one subject was also a registered career offender.

Sgt. Pacheco and Officer Gentile should be praised for their role in taking two dangerous criminals off the street quickly and proficiently and in doing so probably prevented further crime from happening to unsuspected victims on that night. This crime was a high priority and exceptional and efficient police work was conducted by both Officers in a short period of time. They are thanked and praised for their dedication to the community and the arrest of the subjects.

I would also like to recommend Sgt. Pacheco and Officer Gentile for Officer of the Month for September 2012.