



**Date of occurrence:** May 5, 2013

**Employee Name:** Sergeant Jay Matelis  
Officer John Gentile  
Officer Alberto Knight

**Unit/Division:** Patrol

**Award/Commendation type and recommendations:** Letter of Commendation

**Narrative:**

On Sunday May 5, 2013 at 6:20 A.M., Surfside Police Officers responded to a burglary in progress to a construction site which is located at 9418 Collins Ave. Officer Gentile arrived on scene first and observed the subject running through the construction site at which time he began to pursue him on foot. Officer Gentile did an excellent job of advising the subject's direction of travel as he jumped over the fence in an effort to avoid capture. Officer Knight responded to the North side of the alley where the subject was running while Sergeant Matelis pursued the subject from the South side of the alley. The subject who completely disregarded police commands to stop was now blocked between two buildings by police. Sergeant Matelis then exited his vehicle, confronted the subject and placed him into custody. Officer Knight also arrived on scene and assisted with the arrest of the subject.

Sergeant Matelis, Officers Gentile and Knight also remained after their shift to complete the reports and notifications. This crime was a high priority and exceptional and efficient police work was conducted by all in a short period of time and all should be thanked and praised for their dedication to the community and the arrest of the subject.