



Date of occurrence: 08/29/2015

Employee Name: Sergeant Patrick McKenna
Officer Joseph Matthews
Officer Craig Lovellette

Classification: Police Sergeant
Police Officer

Unit/Division: Patrol / Operations

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation

Narrative: While conducting a traffic detail in the 9200 block of Collins Avenue, Sergeant Mckenna and Officers J. Matthews and C. Lovellette observed a blue vehicle traveling northbound at a high rate of speed. The vehicle was stopped for the traffic infraction and the driver was asked to produce a driver's license. The driver stated he lost it in a night club and did not have it on him. The driver produced a United States Employment Authorization Card as a form of identification. A records check for his Florida driver's license revealed it was suspended. The tag on the vehicle was checked via records and found to be stolen from the city of Hialeah. The vehicle VIN was checked and it was discovered to be reported stolen vehicle from Plantation, Florida. During an inventory search of the vehicle a black backpack was recovered in the trunk area containing several tools, masks, a knife, and an ASP baton. Another black backpack was discovered in the trunk with various costume jewelry and other miscellaneous items. The subject was charged with Grand Theft of MV, Possession of a Stolen Tag, and Possession of Burglary Tools. Detectives will follow up this investigation as it pertains to the possibility that a burglary may have occurred. The subject is currently on probation for fraud charges out of Broward County.

These officers, with the utilization of a proactive traffic detail, not only apprehended an individual in possession of a stolen vehicle, but may have prevented a burglary as prepared as this subject appeared. I commend Sergeant Mckenna for his ongoing direction and operation of proactive details with his squad. I further commend Officers Matthews and Lovellette for their investigatory prowess in the arrest of a felon with means to continue his crime spree.