



**Date of occurrence:** February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Employee Name:** Officer B. Gabriel/ Officer J. Matthews/ Officer C. Lovellette/ Communication Operator Filiberto

**Classification:** Police Officer/ Communication Operator

**Unit/Division:** Patrol

**Award/Commendation type:** Commendation

**Narrative:** On February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, a witness contacted the Surfside Police Department and reported that he saw a subject enter a Grey Mercedes Benz parked in the 100 block of 95 Street and as the witness approached the subject fled on foot northbound on Collins Avenue. Communications Operator Filiberto immediately issued a detailed description of the subject over Municipal radio. Officers Bobby Gabriel and Joseph Matthews located a subject matching the description of the subject at the 9600 block of Collins Avenue. A Show Up was conducted where the witness positively identified the subject as the individual who entered the parked vehicle. Officer Gabriel and Sergeant Valino interviewed the subject and post Miranda the subject admitted to entering the vehicle. Contact was made with the owner of the vehicle who confirmed his vehicle was entered illegally. Upon further investigation officers found a vehicle registration in a backpack the subject was carrying with an address in Aventura. Officer Matthews contacted the Aventura Police Department and requested they check that address. Aventura PD made contact with the owner of a Silver Mazda SUV who advised they had visited a friend at the Waves Condominium (9455 Collins Avenue) earlier in the evening and had their vehicle burglarized but did not report it. Officer Lovellette responded to Aventura to complete that report. The subject was again interviewed by Officer Lovellette and Sergeant Valino and he also confessed to the second Auto Burglary. It is with great respect and appreciation that I commend the actions, dedication and professionalism of Officer Bobby Gabriel, Officer Joseph Matthews, Officer Craig Lovellette and Communications Operator Filiberto.