

Date of occurrence: October 30, 2016

Employee Name: Bryant Luke and Ian Leonard

Classification: Police Officer

Unit/Division: Patrol

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation

Narrative: On Monday, October 30, 2016 The Surfside Police Department received a call for service over the Miami Dade County municipal radio. The county dispatcher advised there was a trespass violation in progress at the CVS store at the 9500 block of Harding Avenue.

Officer Ian Leonard and Officer Bryant Luke were dispatched to the location/area. The municipal dispatcher issued a detailed description of the suspect and advised the suspect fled the area on a red bicycle. The municipal dispatcher advised CVS employees last seen the suspect travelling south from the store.

Upon receiving this information, Officer Luke observed a male riding a red bicycle which matched the description of the suspect. Office Luke then stopped the male at the 9200 block of Abbott Avenue and detained him. After speaking with witnesses of the incident at the CVS store, Officer Leonard responded to Officer Luke's location. Officer Leonard confirmed the subject's identity. The suspect had been issued a Trespass Warning in the past by CVS personnel in the presence of a Surfside Police Officer. The subject was arrested for "Trespass after warning" without incident.

Knowing the subject was a repeat offender, Officer Leonard contacted the sergeant of the Criminal Investigations Unit and was advised there was an open investigation for a prior case of Grand Theft at the CVS store committed by the same subject. A Surfside Detective generated another arrest form for the subject regarding the previous Grand Theft case.

Officer Luke's alertness and quick thinking lead to the detainment of the subject in this case. Officer Leonard's gathered all pertinent information and followed up with the Criminal Investigations Unit which resulted in an additional felony charge against the subject. These officers' professionalism, diligence and teamwork are commendable and removed a repeat offender from the streets of Surfside.