



Date of occurrence: August 8, 2017

Employee Name: Lesmes Ruiz

Classification: Police Officer

Unit/Division: Patrol

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation

Narrative: On August 8, 2017 at 0212 hours officers received a call from the complainant neighbor who advised of a group of juveniles possibly attempting to burglarize a home in the 8900 block of Carlyle Ave. As Officer Ruiz responded to the location he observed a group of three juveniles riding bicycles southbound in the 8800 block of Emerson Ave and promptly separated and detained them as other officers arrived at the incident location. Officers made contact with the homeowner and were able to obtain information that there were two bicycles taken from the front of the home in the driveway area. Officer Ruiz and back up officers individually questioned the three subjects and were able to obtain information from the juvenile subject that they arrived on foot at the location and took two bicycles from a residence in the 8900 block of Carlyle Ave and then took a third bicycle from a separate location. The officers drove the juvenile subject to the area and he was able to point out the home in the 8800 block of Emerson Avenue where the third bicycle was taken. Contact was made with the homeowner who responded to the scene and positively identified one of the bicycles as his. The officer who was at the incident location of 8900 block of Carlyle Ave drove the victim to the location where the juveniles were and he positively identified the other two bicycles as his. All three subjects were arrested and charged with Grand Theft and Petit Theft of the bicycles. Officer Ruiz is to be commended for his alertness and quick thinking in detaining these subjects as he responded to the call. The detaining of the subjects and the investigations at the separate locations ultimately led to the arrests of these subjects and the properties being returned to their rightful owners without any further crimes occurring. Congratulations to Officer Lesmes Ruiz as recipient of Officer of the Month...well deserved!