

Bulletin

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Date: December 6, 2016

OFFICERS OF THE MONTH – NOVEMBER 2016- SERGEANT MARIAN CRUZ, DETECTIVE EDWARD CARRASQUILLO AND DETECTIVE KEMUEL GAMBIRAZIO

On Sunday, November 06, 2016, Detective Sergeant Cruz and Detective Carrasquillo were called in from home to interview a juvenile whose mother had just discovered he was sexting with the doorman of the building where they live.

They immediately started working on the case, the detectives reviewed the text messages from the juvenile's phone and noticed there were explicit conversations between the subject and the juvenile about sex and drugs. They developed a good rapport with the juvenile and began asking him questions. At the conclusion of the interview, they determined that a crime had occurred and were able to identify the doorman and his work schedule.

On Wednesday, November 09, 2016, Detective Sergeant Cruz and Detective Carrasquillo arranged with the parents of the juvenile to conduct a controlled text message conversation between him and the subject. During the controlled text conversation, they monitored the conversation and coached the juvenile. The subject offered to take the juvenile marijuana the next day to the building.

On Thursday, November 10, 2016, Detective Sergeant Cruz coordinated the surveillance of the building awaiting the arrival of the subject and the take down. Detective Carrasquillo and Detective Gambirazio approached the subject in the parking lot and located marijuana inside his shirt pocket. They placed the subject in their vehicle and transported him to SPD for questioning.

Detective Carrasquillo and Detective Gambirazio interviewed the subject, who gave a full confession about how he gave the juvenile drugs and sent him explicit sexual text messages. The subject was arrested and charged with Lewd and Lascivious Conduct on a Child, Electronic Transmission Harmful to Minors, Possession of Controlled Substance (Xanax) and Possession of Marijuana.

Detective Sergeant Marian Cruz, Detective Edward Carrasquillo and Detective Kemuel Gambirazio conducted an outstanding investigation identifying, interviewing and ultimately arresting the subject in just four days. I commend them for their tireless dedication, professionalism and skill in apprehending the subject and obtaining a confession within a short period of time.

HIGH ACHIEVERS – NOVEMBER 2016

Officer Gabriel
Officer Gentile
Officer Valino
Parking Enforcement Officer Castro
Parking Enforcement Officer Smith

LEO AWARDS NOMINEE

The Miami- Dade County LEO Awards honors and recognizes deserving sworn and civilian personnel. Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph has been nominated for the LEO Support Services Award for his exceptional management of the Parking Enforcement Unit and parking services, overseeing the Property and Evidence Unit, and assisting the Communications Unit. Congratulations! I wish him the best of luck!

NOVEMBER SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Hit and Run, DUI and Fleeing and Eluding Arrest

11/10/2016: 9200 block of Collins Avenue

During a speed enforcement detail, a vehicle was observed traveling southbound on the northbound lanes of Collins Avenue. The officer activated his emergency lights and inched out to gain the attention of the driver. The driver struck the officer's patrol vehicle and continued traveling southbound on the northbound lanes. Miami Beach PD was alerted and given a BOLO of the vehicle. The SPD officer located the vehicle in the 8600 block of Collins Avenue as it continued to travel southbound in the wrong direction of travel. With the assistance of Miami Beach PD the vehicle came to a stop in the 7000 block of Collins Avenue. The officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emanating from the driver's breath. The driver was arrested and charged with DUI, Fleeing and Eluding a Police Officer, and Hit and Run.

Lewd and Lascivious Conduct on a Child Arrest

11/10/2016: 9500 block of Collins Avenue

After a comprehensive investigation by the Criminal Investigations Unit, the subject was arrested for Lewd and Lascivious Conduct on a Child, Electronic Transmission Harmful to Minors, Controlled Substance Possession and Marijuana Possession.

NEW COMMUNITY SERVICE AIDE POSITION

Juan Duran has been selected as the new Community Service Aide. He is currently Parks and Recreation Department's counselor and began as the new CSA with the Police Department on December 5, 2016 He was highly recommended by the Parks and Recreation Department staff. He is also a U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and hopes to become a police officer in the future.

NEW POLICE OFFICER POSITION

Marianne Durante has been selected for the new Police Officer position dependent upon successfully passing the background check. She is currently employed by the Police Department as a Community Service Aide.

CHANUKAH EVENT AT THE SHUL OF BAL HARBOUR

The Shul of Bal Harbour will host a Chanukah event on December 25th in the 200 block of 95th Street. There will be a street closure in the 200 block of 95th Street and the parking lot just south of The Shul will be closed for the event. The Post Office lot will remain open to the public. A minimum of two off duty police officers will be assigned to for the event.

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE AND GIVEAWAY EVENT

The Police Department is collecting toys this holiday season for our Eighth Annual Holiday Toy Drive. Please show your support by bringing new unwrapped toys for children ages 1-13 to the Police Department. The last day to donate is Thursday December 22nd. The Holiday Party and Toy Giveaway Event is December 23rd at 3:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

TOWN OF SURFSIDE/GRAND BEACH NEW YEAR'S EVE EVENT

There will be Town/Grand Beach fireworks behind the Community Center on New December 31st. Five off duty officers will be assigned to work the event.

SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

During the holidays, the Police Officer Assistance Trust (POAT) collects donations for the families of fallen officers at several malls in Miami-Dade County. Officer Luke and Executive Assistant Goldstein volunteered at the Aventura Mall on December 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

FDOT is hosting a District 6 Traffic Safety Meeting on December 6th at 10:00 a.m. at Lexus of North Miami. Sgt. Torres will attend.

Chief Allen will attend the South Florida Money Laundering Strike Force meeting at the HIDTA building on December 7th at 10:00 a.m.

Chief Charles Press, the Key Biscayne Police Department and the Miami Children's Initiative will host a Family Holiday Event on December 10th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Key Biscayne Beach Park. CSA Durante will represent the SPD.

Chief Allen will attend the Cleared Chiefs Briefing at the FBI Headquarters on December 12th at 9:00 a.m.

The supervisory staff meeting is December 13th at 5:00 p.m. in the training room.

SPD will host a Mobile Department of Motor Vehicles event for residents to apply for and renew their driver's licenses on December 14th from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is December 21st at 2:00 p.m. Sgt. Marian Cruz will assign a detective to attend.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is December 28th at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is December 30th at 10:00 a.m. Residents, business persons, and visitors can meet with the Chief and his staff over coffee to discuss community issues or provide feedback on the Police Department.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER

SWAT Training - Sgt. Torres

Sniper Training - Sgt. Torres

Taser/OC/Baton Recertification Training – Sworn Personnel

Road Safety Assessment for Local Government Training – Sgt. McKenna

TRAINING IN DECEMBER

Traffic Control for Civilians- PEO Smith

Taser/OC/Baton Recertification Training – Sworn Personnel

Crisis Intervention Training – Ofc. Luke

Accreditation Manager Training – Sgt. McKenna