

Bulletin

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Date: June 6, 2017

OFFICER OF THE MONTH – MAY 2017- OFFICER ALBERTO KNIGHT

On April 30, 2017 at 1930 hours a call was received reference a possible fight at the rear of a residence in the 8800 block of Garland Avenue. Officers responded and heard yelling at the rear of the home and attempted to gain entrance into the yard but both side gates were closed. The officers attempted to go to the front door but were unsuccessful due to a locked iron gate at the front of the patio area. The officers approached the back yard by utilizing the neighbor's yard. An officer climbed the fence and saw a male standing by the pool. The officer identified himself as an officer with the Surfside Police Department. The subject told the officer that he did not care if he was an officer and that he wanted him off his property or he would shoot him and then entered his home. After several tense moments the subject exited the front of the home with a firearm and stood in the gated and locked patio area. He paced back and forth as he told officers he wanted them off his property. Officer Knight established a good rapport with the subject who was visibly upset, intoxicated and acting irrational. The subject refused several times to open the front door and allow other occupants of the home to leave. Officer Knight was able to calm him down and eventually have him turn on his patio light so that he could be more visible to the officers. After talking with the subject, he agreed to place his firearm inside the house and to unlock the front iron gate to speak solely with Officer Knight. Once the gate was unlocked and opened the subject remained at the top of the stairs, refusing to come down and watching the officers every move. Officer Knight kept talking to the subject as the officers devised a plan of action. As the subject was talking to Officer Knight and distracted, he reached for the gate which had swung open exposing both hands. Officer Knight and Officer Ruiz lunged at the subject and were able to place him in custody. The other officers proceeded to simultaneously enter the home and secure the firearm. Contact was made with the occupants of the home, his wife and 25 year old son. The subject had shoved his wife into the pool after an argument had become physical. The subject was arrested and charged with Aggravated Assault on LEO, Domestic Battery, and Resisting W/O Violence. The firearm was seized and no one was injured. Officer Knight's rapport and negating tactics with this unstable armed subject turned out to be the key to the successful outcome of this call. Officer Knight is to be commended for keeping a level head and communicating effectively to deescalate a very unpredictable subject in a very tense situation. Congratulations to Officer Alberto Knight as the recipient of Officer of the Month...well deserved!

**CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – MAY 2017- PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER
HANS SMITH**

On Saturday, May 27, 2017, Hans Smith exhibited a level of excellence well beyond his designated duties. He assisted with a traffic post to regulate traffic during a major power outage in Town and played an integral part in the apprehension of an individual that caused a disturbance and damaged property at Flanigan's Bar and Grill. Hans observed the conduct of the subject and called in the incident. He then followed the subject on foot and gave updates for officers as to the subject's whereabouts. Hans's efforts during the course of the shift were very much appreciated and his work ethic and performance are deserving of recognition. Congratulations to Parking Enforcement Officer Hans Smith as the recipient of Civilian of the Month...well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – MAY 2017

Detective Gambirazio
Officer Colonna
Officer Durante
Officer Lorente
Parking Enforcement Officer Acosta
Parking Enforcement Officer Smith

MAY SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS**Stolen/Recovered Vehicle**

05/02/2017– 05/03/2017: 8800 block of Byron Avenue

A vehicle parked on the street in front of a house was stolen. The ignition key was inside the armrest. On 05/03/2017, a North Bay Village officer observed the stolen vehicle and attempted to stop the vehicle at which time the vehicle fled, ultimately crashing. The vehicle was occupied by three males, who all fled on foot. Officers established a perimeter and canvassed the area in search of the subjects, but they were not apprehended. The vehicle was recovered and processed for evidence by the Miami Beach Crime Scene Unit. The subject was arrested on 5/9/17.

Grand Theft Auto Arrest

05/10/2017: 94th Street and Harding Avenue

While on patrol, officers observed a vehicle backed-in a head-in only parking space. Officers made contact with the two subjects inside of the vehicle. A records check revealed the vehicle to be stolen from Hallandale. It was also discovered that one of the subjects was a juvenile reported missing. The parents of the missing juvenile were notified and responded to SPD to pick up their child. The driver of the vehicle, also a juvenile, was arrested.

DUI / Narcotics Arrest

05/12/2017: 8800 block of Collins Avenue

Officers observed a vehicle traveling erratically and at a high rate of speed northbound on Collins Avenue. A traffic stop was conducted and it was determined that the driver was intoxicated. The driver was arrested and refused to submit to a breathalyzer. A search of the vehicle revealed a small amount of marijuana and a smoking apparatus inside the driver's purse.

Auto Burglaries

05/17/2017: 9000 block of Abbott Avenue

On 05/14/2017, four unlocked vehicles were entered at different locations in the 9000 block of Abbott Avenue. A surveillance video camera captured a male subject enter an unlocked vehicle and rummage through its contents in the driveway of a home. On 05/17/2017, the male subject was positively identified by an officer from another jurisdiction. The subject was already in jail on other charges and an electronic arrest form was generated and submitted to the JAC.

Unoccupied Burglary Attempt / Drug Arrest

05/18/2017: 9000 block of Abbott Avenue

Officers responded to a residential burglary in progress. Upon arrival, they stopped a male who was driving and attempting to leave the scene. It was later determined that the male was the lookout, while the second subject tried to gain entry into the home. A neighbor saw the second subject trying to break the glass doors of the home and then fleeing from the backyard. A perimeter was established with the assistance of other police agencies, K-9 units, and Miami-Dade Police Aviation. The subject confessed to detectives that he and the second subject were attempting to break into the home to steal money because he personally knew the homeowner and would be out of town. The second subject turned himself in at the station. A search of the subject's vehicle revealed a small amount of heroin powder, various prescription medication opiates, a Glock pistol and a high capacity 30 round magazine were all in the back seat. Both subjects were arrested.

Occupied Burglary / Escape / Criminal Mischief / Resisting Officer Arrest

05/20/2017: 9400 block of Collins Avenue

Officers responded to a theft in progress. They located the subject in the second floor parking garage area of the building, while he was taking a bicycle. He was immediately taken into custody. The building's surveillance video showed the subject taking three bikes from the parking garage and placing them outside of the garage. He also took a power washer from a shelf causing it to fall on top of two parked vehicles, damaging both vehicles. As the subject was being placed into a patrol car, he broke free from the officer and fled on foot across three lanes of traffic onto Collins Avenue. A foot pursuit ensued and the subject was tased and apprehended.

Unoccupied Burglary Arrest

05/21/2017: 9400 block of Bay Drive

Subjects entered a residence through the kitchen window and ransacked the home taking jewelry and electronics. A white vehicle, occupied by a male, was observed backed into the victim's driveway. The victim alerted the police department that a charge had just been made on his credit card at the Dadeland Mall. The Miami-Dade Police Department was contacted and an officer was able to locate the vehicle and subsequently arrest two subjects while a third subject fled on foot and still remains at large. The subjects were interviewed by Surfside detectives and confessed to the burglary and gave the information of the third subject. All of the stolen property was recovered and returned to the victim.

TOWN OF SURFSIDE EXPANDED PARKING AREAS AND LOADING ZONES

The Town of Surfside is adding 18 new single parking spaces and 2 loading zones in the streets that are east of Collins Avenue. These new parking spaces provide additional parking options for residents and visitors to our Town. The additional loading zones provide a safe location for trucks and other vehicles to deliver goods and services to residents.

The additional parking spaces are located in the following locations: 100 block of 88th Street (4 spaces), 100 block of 90th Street (4 spaces), 100 block of 92nd Street (4 spaces), and the 100 block of 96th Street (6 spaces). The parking spaces at 88th Street, 92nd Street, and 96th Street will be in service starting 06-01-2017. The parking spaces at 90th Street will become effective upon the completion of the ongoing construction project. The additional loading zones are located in the following locations: 100 block of 89th Street, and the 100 block of 94th Street. The loading zones are effective 06-01-2017.

SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Bay Harbor Islands Police Department hosted their annual Bike Rodeo at Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center on June 3rd from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Officer Valino and CSA Duran represented the Surfside Police Department and participated in the event.

The Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department will host the Whole Community Engagement Quarterly Meeting on June 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the MDRF Training Facility. Lt. Bambis will attend.

The Miami-Dade County Emergency Operations Center is hosting a regional Hurricane Strategy meeting on June 7th from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Florida International University. Lieutenant Bambis will attend.

The Police Department will host a community blood drive on June 7th from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The blood mobile will be in the Town Hall lot.

The Police Teen Summer Program in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Teen Camp begins on June 13th and concludes on August 3th with a graduation for the teenagers. The presentations will include K-9, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Crime Scene Investigation, Fundamentals of Law and visits to the Coast Guard Air Base and Fire Rescue Department Station 25 in Opa Locka, and Ocean Rescue in Haulover.

The Surfside Police Department will host a Mobile Department of Motor Vehicles event for residents to apply for and renew their driver's licenses on June 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers.

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

The Do the Right Thing Summer Salute Awards will be on June 14th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Jungle Island. A member of the command staff will attend.

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

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement will host the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on June 22nd at 10:00 a.m. Sgt. Marian Cruz will assign a detective to attend.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is June 27th 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.

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

Chief Allen will attend the Cleared Chiefs Briefing at the FBI Headquarters June 30th from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

The Police Department will host a Community Hurricane Preparedness meeting in June. Date to be announced.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN MAY

SWAT Training - Sgt. Torres

Tactical Advantages for Law Enforcement Training – Officer Lorente and Officer Luke

TRAINING IN JUNE

SWAT Training - Sgt. Torres

Risk Management in Law Enforcement- Sergeants

Field Force Supervisor Training – Sgt. Torres