

Bulletin

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Date: March 6, 2018

OFFICERS OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY 2018- SERGEANT JULIO TORRES AND OFFICER TAMMY CAMPBELL

On Thursday, February 1, 2018, Officer Tammy Campbell was dispatched to a call regarding a sick/injured male across the street from the Grand Beach Hotel. Officer Campbell responded to the area and could not locate anyone. Officer Campbell proceeded to 95th Street and Collins Avenue and saw a male laying on the ground who appeared to be homeless. Officer Campbell quickly noticed the subject had a screwdriver in his hand and began waving it around in a threatening manner. Officer Campbell then requested backup officers respond in emergency mode as she drew her taser and ordered the subject to drop the screw driver. The subject refused to comply at which point Officer Campbell continued to give loud verbal commands to the subject to comply.

Officers from multiple agencies including command staff members, Surfside police detectives and off-duty detail officers responded to assist. Not knowing if the subject was in possession of additional weapons, Sergeant Torres snuck up from behind him, grabbed his arm and redirected him on his stomach. The subject was handcuffed without incident and baker acted. There were no injuries to the subject or any officers involved.

Officer Tammy Campbell displayed courage and used great restraint while dealing with this potentially dangerous situation. Officer Campbell's demeanor while transmitting on the radio during this high stress situation was calm and professional. Sergeant Julio Torres was courageous by placing himself in harm's way when he engaged the subject and took him into custody, not knowing if additional weapons were involved. Officer Tammy Campbell and Sergeant Julio Torres are commended for their courage, restraint, professionalism and dedication to the community. Congratulations to Sergeant Julio Torres and Officer Tammy Campbell as recipients of Officer of the Month...well deserved!

2017 LEO AWARDS WINNERS

Officer John Gentile was awarded the Patrol Services LEO Award and Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein was awarded the Safety Services LEO Award at the annual Miami-Dade County LEO Awards Ceremony on March 3, 2018. This prestigious event recognizes the best in Law Enforcement from all local, state and federal agencies in Miami-Dade County each year. Congratulations to both and well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – FEBRUARY 2018

Officer Durante
Officer McGavern
Officer Valino
Parking Enforcement Officer Acosta

FEBRUARY SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Auto Burglary

02/06/2018 between 1859 – 2014 hours

200 block of 88th Street

An unknown subject(s) entered a vehicle by smashing the rear passenger side window. A leather bag which contained a Surface Microsoft computer and a Bluetooth speaker (total loss \$2,765.00 dollars) was missing from the passenger seat. There were no witnesses to this incident and no surveillance cameras that cover the area where the vehicle was parked.

Aggravated Battery / Hit & Run

02/09/2018 at 1315 hours

95th Street & Collins Avenue

A vehicle was struck by another vehicle at 95th Street and Collins Avenue, but the subject vehicle continued northbound. The victim caught up to the hit and run vehicle at 96th Street and Collins Avenue, got out of his vehicle and stood in front of the subject's vehicle. The subject hit the gas which caused the victim to jump on the hood of the vehicle. The subject driver then slammed on the brakes causing the victim to fall off of the hood. The subject vehicle took off in an unknown direction. The victim sustained minor cuts to his elbows and one knee. This case is under investigation.

Hit & Run Arrest

02/10/2018 at 1300 hours

9200 block of Harding Avenue

On 02/04/2018, the victim reported that her neighbor witnessed a vehicle hit and damage her fence and landscaping (approx. \$1,000.00 total damage). The driver exited the vehicle, grabbed the front bumper of his vehicle and fled the area. The witness provided a tag number and a picture of the driver which led to the identification of the driver. On 02/10/2018, the driver surrendered at SPD and admitted to his involvement in the accident. He was charged with leaving the scene of an accident with property damage and allowed to sign a promise to appear.

Auto Theft

02/11/2018 at 2300 hours

8800 block of Carlyle Avenue

An unknown subject(s) stole a truck from the front of a residence. A motorcycle was secured with straps inside the bed of the truck at the time of the theft. The victim is not sure whether or not he left the truck locked or unlocked. He is in possession of the truck and motorcycle keys. The vehicle was recovered by Miami-Dade Police Department. This incident is under investigation.

Commercial Burglary

02/19/2018 at 0330 hours

9500 block of Harding Avenue

An unknown subject entered through the rear of the restaurant using an unknown tool to pry open the door. Once inside, the subject was captured on surveillance cameras taking the register which contained eight checks that were made out to vendors and a Tzedaka box (Jewish charity box) which contained approx. \$15.00 dollars. The restaurant's alarm system was not activated at the time of the burglary. This incident is under investigation.

Burglary

02/23/2018 between 0750 hours and 1817 hours

9400 block of Bay Drive

An unknown subject(s) entered and exited a residence through a window located on the north side of the residence. The subject(s) ransacked portions of the home. A cursory examination revealed one Nikon camera with two telephoto lenses, cufflinks and a few wine bottles were taken. An empty bottle of wine was found in a bedroom.

Burglary

2/27/18 to 2/28/18 between 0800-0800 hours

9100 block of Byron Avenue

An unknown subject(s) entered a residence by pushing in the glass screen from a side door on the north side of the residence and exited through the front door. The home was not ransacked and nothing appears to have been taken by the subjects.

Burglary

02/27/18 between 1000-1630 hours

9000 block of Carlyle Avenue

An unknown person(s) made entry into a residence by prying open a sliding glass door located on the west side of the home. The subject(s) rummaged through multiple areas in the house and removed two juice bottles from the refrigerator leaving one empty bottle on the kitchen counter and a half empty bottle on the dresser counter in a bedroom. The three bedrooms were found in disarray. Two watches, a platinum ring, two digital cameras, an iPhone and charger and a portable Bluetooth speaker were taken from the residence.

Burglary Arrests

02/23/2018 and 02/27/2018

9400 block of Bay Drive, 9000 block of Carlyle Avenue, 9100 block of Byron Avenue

On 03/02/2018, an officer stopped three male juveniles from Miami walking on Harding Avenue during school hours. One matched the description of a person of interest in recent burglaries. All three were taken to the Surfside Police Department where they were interviewed by detectives. They all gave full confessions to their involvement in the recent burglaries and added that they were in the area with the intention of committing another one. Each male was also found to be in possession of items that belonged to the victims. They were arrested, charged with three counts of Unoccupied Burglary and Loitering & Prowling.

Battery on LEO /Disorderly Intoxication/Resisting Officer Without Violence/Criminal Mischief Arrest

03/04/2018 at 2320 hours

900 block of 93rd Street

Officers were dispatched to a suspicious vehicle that was parked near a residence. Officers observed two females in the vehicle sleeping, who they tried to wake up but were unsuccessful. Once the females awoke, one appeared to be intoxicated and began to yell obscenities at officers. She charged at an officer, striking his neck and shoulder area with her hands. She was handcuffed and placed in the back of the police car, while there she attempted to kick out the window with her feet causing damage to the window.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIFORM CRIME REPORT (UCR)

The Total Crimes decreased by 44% in Surfside from 2016-2017. Violent Crime (Murder, Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault) decreased by 50% and Property Crime (Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft) decreased by 43.5%. Total arrests also decreased from 183 in 2016 to 96 in 2017. Thank you for keeping Surfside safe! Your outstanding effort in 2017 is truly appreciated by all!

	Index Total Crimes	%CH	Violent Crime	%CH	Property Crime	%CH
2007	174	6.1	20	-50	154	24.2
2008	170	-2.3	34	70	136	-11.7
2009	202	18.8	27	-20.6	175	28.7
2010	167	-17.3	13	-51.9	154	-12.0
2011	183	9.6	4	-69.2	179	16.2
2012	167	-8.7	15	275	152	-15.1
2013	123	-26.3	7	-53.3	116	-23.7
2014	158	28.5	4	-42.9	154	32.8
2015	137	-13.3	9	125.0	128	-16.9
2016	182	32.8	12	33.3	170	32.8
2017	102	-44.0	6	-50.0	96	-43.5

SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Bay Harbor Islands Police Department hosted their annual Bike Rodeo on March 3rd at Ruth K. Broad K-8 Center. Officer Lorente participated.

The annual Miami-Dade LEO Awards event was March 3rd at 5:30 p.m. in Doral. The SPD finalists and command staff attended.

The Surfside Police Department will host the Northeast Community Traffic Safety Programs (CTST) multiagency traffic enforcement/education operation in support of the FDOT Drive Safe- Aggressive Driving Awareness Campaign on March 13th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Officer Lorente will attend.

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

The North Miami Beach Police Department is hosting a Contemporary Law Enforcement Seminar at FIU on March 15th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Chief Allen will attend.

The Third Thursday event is March 15th from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The set up will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the breakdown will end by 11:00 p.m. Two officers on overtime will be assigned.

Captain Yero will attend the multiagency Field Force Commander meeting in Bay Harbor Islands on March 21st at 8:30 a.m.

The Aventura Police Department will host the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on March 22nd at 10:00 a.m. Sgt. Marian Cruz will assign a detective to attend.

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

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is March 29th 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 FEBRUARY

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres

All in one training (Sexual Harassment, Customer Service, Violence in the Work Place, Bullying) – Captain Yero, CO Castillo, Officer Donoso

Sexual Harassment in the Workplace for Managers Online Training – All Supervisors

Sexual Harassment in the Workplace Online Training- All Personnel

Active Shooter Training at MBPD – Detective Dulaney, Detective Gambirazio, Officer Donoso, Officer Gentile, Officer Lovellette, Officer Luke

Room Clearing Training – Officer Colonna, Officer Donoso, Officer Lorente, Officer Lovellette, Officer Luke

TRAINING IN MARCH

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres