



Date of occurrence: March 14, 2010

**Employee Name: Sgt. Loxley Arch
Detective Frank Colonna
Detective Joseph Matthews**

Unit/Division: Criminal Investigations Unit

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation

Narrative:

On March 14, 2010 at 5:51am, Detective Frank Colonna and Surfside police officers were dispatched to a shots fired call in the 9000 block of Harding Avenue. The victims advised the officers that during an argument they were threatened by a suspect with a firearm and a baseball bat. A second suspect also fired one round at the victims that struck a parked car. The suspects fled in a truck. Detective Colonna and Surfside officers secured the scene and called for Miami Beach Police Crime Scene and Surfside detectives.

Sgt. Loxley Arch and Detective Joseph Matthews arrived and took control of the crime scene. The victims were interviewed, a canvass was conducted for witnesses, the crime scene was processed, and one spent round was recovered.

Sgt. Arch, Detective Colonna, and Detective Matthews responded to a location in south Miami-Dade County after receiving information on the tag number of the truck. With the assistance of the Miami-Dade Police Department, the detectives apprehended both suspects, recovered the suspect vehicle, and a fully loaded AK-47 rifle. MBPD Crime Scene responded to this location and retrieved the suspects' clothing for evidence. The detectives transported both suspects to the Surfside Police Station for interviews and gunshot residue processing. The suspect truck was also towed to the station for evidence. The detectives were able to elicit a confession from one suspect during the interview.

On March 15, the detectives and Miami Beach PD Crime Scene Unit completed the processing of the suspect vehicle. The firearm and bat used in the crime and two casings were recovered. The suspects were charged with Attempted Murder and Aggravated Assault.

Sgt. Arch, Detective Colonna, and Detective Matthews are commended for managing a tedious and comprehensive criminal investigation involving two other law enforcement agencies that successfully resulted in the arrest of two violent subjects.

Chief of Police: David Allen

Date: March 23, 2010