



Date of occurrence: August 2011

Employee Name: John Gentile and Lesmes Ruiz

Classification: Police Officers

Unit/Division: Patrol

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Officer of the Month

Narrative:

On August 3rd, at 2:29am, Officer Lesmes Ruiz and Officer John Gentile stopped a suspicious person carrying a backpack in the 9500 block of Byron Avenue. A pat down for officer safety revealed a Bay Pass in his pocket. The officers contacted the toll booth supervisor who advised that the Bay Pass belonged to resident in the 9200 block of Byron Avenue. The officers responded to that address and discovered the resident's vehicle had been burglarized and the Bay Pass stolen. The subject was arrested for auto burglary. On August 16th at 12:50am, Officer Gentile stopped a suspicious person in the 9000 block of Harding Avenue. The subject was arrested for loitering and prowling and was in possession of a knife, marijuana, and \$5,706 in cash. Further investigation revealed that the subject had stolen the cash from the City of Miami Beach Parking Department and he was subsequently charged with grand theft by the Miami Beach Police Department. Officers Ruiz and Gentile are commended for their thorough patrol and protection of the community!

Chief of Police: David Allen

Date: September 1, 2011