

Surfside Police Department



Award and/or commendation

Date of occurrence: January 14, 2013 thru March 4, 2013

Employee Name: Patrick McKenna, Marian Valino

Classification: Sergeant, Detective

Unit/Division: Criminal Investigations Unit

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Commendation

Narrative:

On January 3, 2013, Palm Beach Sheriff's Police Department responded to an attempted suicide in their county. The deputy found a 16 year old girl who had attempted to cut her wrists. She was transported to the hospital. The girl told the deputy that she had tried to self-mutilate herself because her parents were mad at her for taking her mother's car and driving to Miami. The deputy spoke to the parents who had discovered sexually provocative text messages and photographs on the daughter's cell phone sent to an unknown male.

The deputy re-interviewed the victim along with a female nurse. The victim admitted that she had met the subject on the website Vampirefreaks.com and had sexual intercourse with him. She stated that she knew the subject was 29 years old and that he knew she was 16 years old. On two occasions, the victim snuck out of her house and took her mother's car to meet the subject at his apartment in "Miami". The victim also used her home computer and iPod to contact the subject. Palm Beach Sheriff's Department forwarded the information to the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD) for follow up on January 8, 2013. A MDPD Detective reviewed the information and discovered that the subject lived in Surfside. He then faxed the information to the Surfside Police Department (SPD) on January 14, 2013 at 5:00 pm.

On January 14, 2013, Sgt. Patrick McKenna and Det. Marian Valino were assigned the case. Sgt. McKenna discovered that the subject's cell phone came back to Nelson Carrizo of 9372 Collins Avenue. He had been arrested on March 9, 2010 for 10 counts of possession of child pornography by MDPD, and he pled guilty in October, 2012. He was sentenced to three years in prison and surrendered on January 9, 2013. Sgt. McKenna

contacted the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office for their case file. Sgt. McKenna contacted the MDPD to assist with a search warrant of the subject's home. He also contacted the victim and the parents for a formal statement and photographic lineup. The Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office assigned the Assistant State Attorney who had originally worked on the case in Palm Beach to now work on the Surfside case.

On January 18, 2013, Det. Valino conducted the interview of the victim, who admitted she communicated with the subject through text messaging, telephone, and online via vampirefreaks.com from June, 2010. She sent nude photos of herself. In December, 2012, the subject requested for the victim to meet him at his apartment for sex. On January 1 and January 3, 2013, the victim told Det. Valino she took her mother's car without permission and drove to the subject's apartment and had sex with him. The subject's mother was in the apartment sleeping and watching television on the couch. The subject gave the minor victim beer on January 3rd and she drove home. Her mother caught her sneaking into the house and took away her telephone, iPod, and computer. Det. Valino showed the victim a photographic array and she identified the subject positively from the lineup.

On January 30, 2013, at 6:00 am, SPD and MDPD served a search warrant on the apartment at 9372 Collins Avenue. A computer, cell phone, CDs were seized from the apartment and are currently being reviewed by the MDPD Crime Lab. Det. Valino interviewed the subject's mother.

On March 4, 2013, at 4:55 pm, Det. Valino along with MDPD served an arrest for two counts of unlawful sexual activity with a minor on the subject in the Florida Department of Corrections facility in Homestead. Prosecutors are requesting the sentencing to be increased from three years to 50 years in prison.

Sgt. Mckenna and Det. Marian Valino are recognized for their outstanding efforts in investigating and clearing a complicated case, and are recommended for officers of the month for March 2013.

Recommended by: Lieutenant Richard Williams **Date:** March 15, 2013

Chief of Police: David Allen **Date:** March 15, 2013