

Surfside Police Department



Award and/or commendation

Date of occurrence: 7/27/2015

Employee Name: Lesmes Ruiz

Classification: Police Officer

Unit/Division: Patrol

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation

Narrative: On 7/27/2015 at 0230 hrs Officer Ruiz pulled over a vehicle for a headlight out. Officer Ruiz immediately placed himself on the stop with the Municipal Dispatcher, advising his location, a vehicle description, and tag number before exiting his vehicle. The dispatcher advised that the vehicle was stolen by Armed Carjacking from the City of Miami on 7/25/2015. Officer Ruiz remained by his vehicle and waited patiently while backup SPD officers responded in code 3 emergency mode quickly arriving as back up units. The driver who was the only occupant in the vehicle was taken off guard, taken out of the vehicle by Felony Traffic stop and placed in handcuffs. A records check also revealed that the subject was also wanted for Petit Theft out of the City of Miami and that the vehicle had a Hold placed on it for latent prints because of the Carjacking by the City of Miami Robbery Squad. Officer Ruiz should be commended for being proactive, acting quickly, professionally, and tactically taking a dangerous criminal into custody and off the streets without any incident.