



**Date of occurrence:** December 14, 2015

**Employee Name:** Kemuel Gambirazio & Marian Cruz

**Classification:** Detective

**Unit/Division:** Criminal Investigations Unit

**Award/Commendation type and recommendations:** Letter of Commendation

**Narrative:**

On Tuesday, November 24, 2015, Detective Marian Cruz interviewed the victim who discovered her vehicle had been stolen overnight. Shortly after that, Detective Cruz was made aware of a vehicle burglary that also occurred on the same street, just one block away from the auto theft. Detective Cruz utilized the Crime Scene Investigations Unit for the vehicle that was burglarized, interviewed the second victim and conducted a neighborhood canvass.

On Wednesday, November 25, 2015, Detective Cruz responded to Banos Towing in the City of Miami where the stolen vehicle had been towed after it was recovered by the City of Miami Police Department. The Crime Scene Investigations Unit responded as well and processed the vehicle. Detective Cruz conducted an area check where the stolen vehicle had been located and spoke with the neighbors in the area who had reported it as a suspicious vehicle.

Detective Cruz contacted the Miami Police Officer who recovered the unreported stolen vehicle at that time. Detective Cruz discovered that at the time of the recovery, the Miami Police Officer had also interviewed the occupant of the vehicle. On December 2, 2015, Detectives Cruz and Kemuel Gambirazio immediately responded to the residence of the occupant who was in the stolen vehicle. The occupant was interviewed and confessed to her involvement with regards to the stolen vehicle and the burglary to the second vehicle. The subject also gave detectives the information on a second subject who was the driver when they stole the car in Surfside.

Detectives Cruz and Gambirazio responded back to SPD and continued their investigation. They confirmed the identity of the second subject who was in custody in the Dade County Jail on unrelated charges. Detectives responded to Dade County Jail to interview the second subject. During the interview, the subject confessed to stealing the car and burglarizing the second vehicle. He also admitted to stealing property from this car and fleeing from the Miami Beach Police in the stolen car that same evening.

Detectives Cruz and Gambirazio arrested the subject for vehicle burglary and auto theft. Detectives responded back to the first subject's home and arrested her for vehicle burglary and auto theft. During the interviews of the subjects, both individuals implicated each other for the crimes and gave detailed information about how they arrived in Surfside that evening and how they committed the crimes.

The following morning on Thursday, December 3, 2015, Detective Cruz met with Miami Beach Police Officers to share information on the investigation and arrests. The Miami Beach Police Department has charged both subjects with additional crimes.

Detectives Cruz and Gambirazio conducted an outstanding investigation identifying, interviewing and ultimately arresting two subjects. I commend both detectives for their tireless dedication, professionalism and skill in apprehending the two criminals within a short period of time.