



**Date of occurrence:** May 4, 2016

**Employee Name:** CSA Danny Sanchez

**Unit/Division:** Community Service Aide

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

**Narrative:**

On Wednesday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016, Community Service Aide (CSA) Danny Sanchez was at Publix Supermarket on his lunch break when he saw the store manager chasing a subject who stole merchandise. CSA Sanchez, who is an unarmed police employee, took charge of the situation and ordered the subject to stop. The subject disregarded his verbal commands to stop and fled on foot east on 94<sup>th</sup> Street. CSA Sanchez immediately broadcasted over the main police radio channel that a theft had just occurred and gave an excellent description of the subject, what he was wearing and his direction of travel.

Sergeant Jay Matelis heard CSA Sanchez broadcast the information over the radio and quickly arrived in the area. Due to the excellent subject description given by CSA Sanchez, Sergeant Matelis identified the subject and saw him running east in the 200 block of 94<sup>th</sup> Street. Sergeant Matelis exited his vehicle, confronted the subject and ordered him to stop. The subject disregarded his verbal commands and continued to flee on foot. Sergeant Matelis chased the subject on foot, south on Collins Ave. After a brief foot chase, the subject was apprehended in the 9300 block of Collins Ave. without further incident. The subject was arrested and charged with theft and resisting arrest.

CSA Danny Sanchez's actions were quick thinking and effective. Exceptional police work was conducted by CSA Danny Sanchez which ultimately resulted in an arrest of a subject. I commend CSA Danny Sanchez for his professionalism and dedication to the community.