



Date of occurrence: November 15, 2017

Employee Name: Marian Cruz, Diana Dulaney and Kemuel Gambirazio

Classification: Police Detective Sergeant, Detective & Officer

Unit/Division: Criminal Investigations Unit

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation,

Narrative:

The Florida Department of Health Unlicensed Activity Unit Miami Office alerted Surfside detectives of allegations they received regarding a female employed by the Lemel Medical Spa who was practicing medicine while being unlicensed. Detective Dulaney was assigned as the lead investigator. Sergeant Cruz and Detective Dulaney organized a meeting with the Miami-Dade Police Department's Medical Crimes Unit detectives and the Florida Department of Health Miami Office investigator to coordinate efforts in the investigation and an undercover operation was developed.

Detective Dulaney set up an appointment with the subject of the investigation at the spa to receive Juvederm and Botox injections. On November 15th, 2017, Detective Dulaney together with a MDPD female detective in an undercover capacity posed as the client accompanied by a friend and entered the spa for the scheduled appointment. Sergeant Cruz, Detective Gambirazio, and members of the MDPD Medical Crimes Unit surrounded the business and conducted surveillance while awaiting for the takedown signal from the undercover detectives.

Once inside, Detective Dulaney met with the subject as a new patient who was interested in facial injections. She familiarized herself with these procedures and learned the intricacies of specific medical law statutes to properly pull off her undercover role and at the same time obtain the necessary elements of a crime. She was diagnosed by the subject female, who offered to administer the injections right away. Detective Dulaney agreed to the procedure, then gave the takedown signal and all surrounding undercover units entered the spa. The subject was found to be in possession of three prescription drugs: one pre-filled syringe of Juvederm, one bottle of Botox, and one ampule of Lidocaine.

The difficult task of coordinating the subject and witness interviews and securing, categorizing and collecting all contraband was directed by Detective Sergeant Cruz. Detective Gambirazio took written statements from all the employees on scene, who were very hesitant to speak with detectives however his interview techniques coupled with his easy going and kind nature quickly changed that. Detective Gambirazio with the assistance of the MDPD detectives collected, photographed and impounded approximately \$5,000.00 worth of prescription drugs.

At the same time, Detective Dulaney and the MDPD female detective were interviewing the female subject in an office inside the spa. The interview lasted a few hours and Detective Dulaney was able to obtain a confession and further incriminating information about the spa. The subject was arrested and charged with one count of

Practicing Medicine without a License and three counts of Possession of Prescription Drug with intent to Dispense. Additional arrests along with penalties in connection to the business are pending.

I commend Detective Sergeant Cruz, Detective Dulaney and Detective Gambirazio on their successful undercover operation and quality investigation. Their professionalism and dedication resulted in the apprehension of a dangerous subject who could have caused serious injury to a person while performing healthcare unlicensed. The success of this investigation and overall operation is particularly commendable for this is the first case of this type executed by these detectives. This arrest garnered a significant amount of media coverage and a special thank you is in order for Detective Sergeant Cruz who in addition to her many responsibilities associated with the case handled all media inquiries and conducted multiple media video interviews. Congratulations to Sergeant Marian Cruz, Detective Diana Dulaney and Detective Kemuel Gambirazio as recipients of Officer of the Month...well deserved!