



**Date of occurrence:** August 16, 2018

**Employee Name:** Marian Cruz and Diana Dulaney

**Classification:** Police Sergeant and Detective

**Unit/Division:** Criminal Investigations Unit

**Award/Commendation type and recommendations:** Letter of Commendation / Officer of the Month

**Narrative:**

On Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Sergeant Marian Cruz met with a victim at the SPD who reported he received an email notification about a new unauthorized credit card that was being shipped to his home. His suspicion lead him to review home surveillance footage that revealed a male approaching the front door and remove a FedEx package containing a previously delivered credit card on June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Utilizing this information, Sergeant Cruz quickly established a surveillance team at the victim's residence. Detective Dulaney observed a FedEx driver deliver a white envelope package to the residence, leaving the package on the ground by the front door. A short time later, she observed a vehicle driven by a male subject, drive by the front of the victim's home and make a U-turn at the end of the block and parked across the street from the victim's home. The driver/subject then exited the vehicle and approached the victim's front door, taking the package left by FedEx. The subject then returned to his vehicle and drove away. An officer was nearby waiting for Detective Dulaney's signal to conduct a traffic stop on the subject. Once stopped, the vehicle was searched and the victim's FedEx package was located under the passenger side seat. Also, a ledger listing various addresses in Miami-Dade County was located which included a second Surfside resident. It was later discovered that another package had just been delivered by FedEx and was still at the Surfside resident's front door. The package was retrieved, impounded and the resident was contacted and confirmed that the package contained a credit card that had not been authorized. The subject was placed under arrest and transported to the Surfside Police Department (SPD) for questioning. Detective Dulaney and Sergeant Cruz questioned the subject and he consented to a search of his hotel room in the City of Doral.

Detective Dulaney coordinated the search of the subject's hotel room with detectives from the Doral Police Department. The search revealed two additional stolen credit cards. Detective Dulaney researched the names on the credit cards and was able to contact both victims, adding two additional charges.

During questioning, the subject stated that he is visiting the United States from Belgium and working for an acquaintance who lives in London. The acquaintance was paying him approximately \$7,000.00 U.S. dollars to pick up packages and send them to him in London. The subject also stated that the package he took from the victim on June 27<sup>th</sup> was sent to the male in London. He further admitted to taking the credit cards that were located in his hotel room but could not recall the address of where he took them from. The subject was arrested and charged with four counts of Possession of Stolen Credit Cards.

Through their diligence, quick response, professionalism and experience, Sergeant Cruz and Detective Dulaney identified a subject and disrupted a criminal fraud ring with possible international connections. Congratulations to Sergeant Marian Cruz and Detective Diana Dulaney as recipients of Officer of the Month...well deserved!