



Employee Name: **Officer Micah Smith**

Unit/Division: **Patrol**

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Officer of the Month

Narrative:

From February 23, 2018 to February 27, 2018 three residential burglaries occurred in the residential neighborhood in the 9000 block of Carlyle Avenue, 9100 block of Byron Avenue and the 9400 block of Bay Drive. Subjects ransacked the homes and stole electronics, jewelry, alcohol bottles and perfumes. The total loss between all the victims was approximately \$8,745.00 dollars. Detectives conducted an area canvass and located two nearby homes with surveillance cameras. Upon review of the video surveillance, detectives obtained images of the subjects walking in the area on the days of the burglaries. This information also confirmed that the subjects were committing the burglaries during the morning hours. An information flyer was distributed to our officers, surrounding agencies and the community.

On Friday, March 2, 2018, Officer Micah Smith was working an off-duty detail in the Town. While he was driving to set up the lane closure, he noticed three juvenile males walking on Harding Avenue and one in particular grabbed his attention since he was wearing the same clothing as the subject in the flyer. Officer Smith stopped the juveniles, separated them and requested that a detective respond to his location. A detective responded and had all three juveniles transported to the station and interviewed. All juveniles gave sworn and recorded statements confessing to their involvement in all three burglaries. The juveniles described how they entered the homes and the items they took. Furthermore, they also admitted to being in the area to commit additional burglaries. In their possession they had items that belonged to the burglary victims. The juveniles were arrested and each were charged with three counts of unoccupied burglary and one count of loitering and prowling.

Officer Smith's actions are a clear example of his experience and dedication to his profession and the community. Officer Smith analyzed the burglary flyer disseminated and his alertness and keen observation skills immediately triggered the identification of a possible burglary subject. He acted on his instincts and prevented these subjects from committing additional burglaries in our community. Congratulations to Officer Micah Smith as the recipient of Officer of the Month...well deserved!