

Surfside Police Department



Award and/or commendation

Date of occurrence: January 30, 2019

Employee Name: Officer Jose Valino

Parking Enforcement Officer Josue Castro

Unit/Division: Patrol/ Parking Enforcement

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

Narrative:

A Bal Harbour Police Officer attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic infraction in the vicinity of the Bal Harbour Shops however the vehicle refused to stop and fled southbound on Harding Avenue. Parking Enforcement Officer Josue Castro advised over the police radio he observed a vehicle driving recklessly and had entered the 94th Street Municipal Parking Lot. PEO Castro saw five (5) black male occupants exit the vehicle and run southbound. Bal Harbour advised over the radio a vehicle fled matching the description of the vehicle PEO Castro observed. Officer Valino responded to the area and noticed two black male subjects running south bound on Abbott Avenue from 93rd Street. Officer Valino pursued and took both subjects into custody without incident. Officers from Bal Harbour and Surfside canvassed the area and located the other three subjects. All subjects were apprehended and arrested. The Bal Harbour and Aventura Police Departments are investigating multiple frauds that occurred in the Bal Harbour Shops and the Aventura Mall committed by these individuals. Officer Jose Valino and PEO Josue Castro are commended for their professionalism, quick actions and dedication to the community which led to the apprehension of five subjects who were committing crimes throughout Miami-Dade County. Congratulations to Officer Jose Valino as the recipient of Officer of the Month and to Parking Enforcement Officer Josue Castro as the recipient of Civilian of the Month ...well deserved!