



Date of occurrence: August 31, 2020

Employee Name: Sergeant Jose Matelis

Classification: Police Sergeant

Unit/Division: Patrol/Traffic

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

Narrative:

The Town of Surfside has experienced a rash of bicycle thefts. On Monday, August 31, 2020, at approximately 0940 hours, police officers responded to a bike theft in the 400 block of 91st Street and a BOLO was issued for the subject. While working an off-duty detail, Sergeant Jay Matelis took upon himself to assist patrol officers canvass the area for the subject. Sergeant Matelis headed south on Harding Avenue, checking side streets and pedestrians in the vicinity. With his keen sense, Sergeant Matelis located the subject with the bicycle at 69th Street and Collins Avenue. The subject was subsequently arrested. While in custody at the Surfside Police Department, Detective Mendoza interviewed the subject and was able to clear a prior bicycle theft by the same subject.

Due to his initiative and keen observation skills, Sergeant Matelis curtailed a crime trend in the Town of Surfside. Sergeant Matelis' dedication, and commitment to the community he serves is commendable and recognized. The outcome of this arrest prevents a repeat offender from committing further crimes in our community.

In addition to this highlight, Sergeant Matelis leads by example daily with his work ethic and positive nature. His tenacity and commitment to keeping Surfside safe is unequalled.

Congratulations to Sergeant Jay Matelis as the recipient of the August Officer of the Month award...well deserved!