



Date of occurrence: July 27th, 2021

Employee Name: Officer Ronald Donoso

Classification: Police Officer

Unit/Division: Patrol Division

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Officer of the Month

Narrative:

On Monday, July 19, 2021, at approximately 12:56 p.m., Officer Ronald Donoso was patrolling the residential area when he observed a male subject loitering in the area of a residence in the 600 block of 92nd Street and another male subject five feet away from the driveway of the same house. As he drove closer, he observed no cars in the driveway and the home appeared to be unoccupied. When the subjects noticed Officer Donoso approaching, they began to travel southbound on Carlyle Avenue on their bicycles failing to stop at the stop sign on 91st Street. Officer Donoso stopped the subjects at 91st Street and Carlyle Avenue. Officer Campbell responded as a backup unit, read the subjects their Miranda Warnings and offered the subjects the opportunity to dispel their alarm as to their presence at the residence. The subjects, who are homeless, stated they were coming from the CVS Store located in Surfside and had been hired to work at the Surfside building collapse site. The subjects did not know the name or phone number of the person who sent them to work there. One of the subjects was carrying a backpack, which upon his consent to search, revealed bolt cutters. The subject stated he was going to use the bolt cutters to work at the site and cut debris. Officer Campbell contacted the Miami-Dade Command Post to verify this information, however she was informed that they did not request nor hire anyone to work at the site. Officer Donoso made contact with the homeowner, who was inside the home during the incident, confirming that she did not know the males. Pursuant to this investigation, the subjects failed to dispel the officer's alarm and were arrested for Loitering and Prowling and Possession of Burglary Tools. Officer Donoso's actions prevented a crime from occurring as revealed when the homeowner reviewed the home video surveillance and it showed one of the males checking the rear door of the residence.

Officer Ronald Donoso is a dedicated professional, exhibits a strong work ethic and highly respected by his peers. He is commended for his alert proactive patrolling, his commitment to the Town of Surfside and the community he proudly serves. Congratulations to Officer Ronald Donoso as the recipient of the July Officer of the Month award...well deserved!