



SURFSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

AWARD OR COMMENDATION

Date of occurrence: October 30, 2023

Employee Name: Diana Leon

Classification: Detective

Unit/Division: Criminal Investigations Unit

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Officer of the Month

On October 30, 2023, an unknown subject committed an auto burglary in the 1100 block of 89th Street, stealing valuable items from the vehicle. Among the stolen possessions were medical equipment, a driver's license, credit cards, Air Pods, and miscellaneous items totaling \$4,913.00. The subject proceeded to fraudulently utilize the victim's credit cards at various locations. Detective Leon swiftly and methodically pursued the case using available resources, including CCTV footage. Through her relentless efforts, she positively identified the subject who was in Miami Beach and subsequently arrested. Moreover, the search of the subject resulted in the recovery of the victim's driver's license, two credit cards, and an insurance card. While being interviewed, the subject confessed to the crime including entering the vehicle, stealing the medical equipment, and making unauthorized transactions with the victim's credit cards. The subject even expressed a willingness to return the stolen items to the victim. Detective Leon's swift actions and unwavering commitment to justice were nothing short of exemplary. Her ability to make an arrest within 12 hours after the crime was reported demonstrates her dedication to protecting the community ensuring that those who break the law are held accountable. Detective Leon is commended for her praiseworthy actions signifying her oath to protect and serve the Town of Surfside. Congratulations to Detective Diana Leon as the recipient of the October Officer of the Month award...well deserved!