

Bulletin

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Date: May 2, 2017

OFFICER OF THE MONTH – APRIL 2017- OFFICER JOHN GENTILE

On 04/27/2017 at 0222 hours, Officer Gentile observed a vehicle make an improper left hand turn from 96St and Collins Ave. A traffic stop was initiated at the 200 block of 96St; the vehicle came to a stop at the SunTrust Parking Lot. Officer Gentile approached the vehicle and smelled an odor of Marijuana coming from the vehicle; he also observed the driver put both his arms out the window. As Officer Gentile got closer he noticed the grip portion of Glock pistol sitting on the center console of the vehicle within reach of the driver in plain view. The driver and passenger were both immediately ordered out of the vehicle by Officer Gentile and back up units who had just arrived. Both subjects were immediately handcuffed and detained. A check of the vehicle produced five other guns, AK-47, shot gun, rifle, and three semi-automatic hand guns, several loaded magazines and over two hundred rounds of ammunition in the vehicle. All of the firearms were loaded and had one in the chamber except for one. Marijuana less than 20 Grams was also located inside of the vehicle. Post Miranda the driver admitted to driving with the AK-47 on his lap at the time of the stop and then placing it on the passenger side floor board and attempting to conceal it with a towel before vehicle came to a complete stop. Both subjects were arrested for various weapons charges and a narcotics charge. Officer Gentile also made two other traffic stops during April where he seized a significant amount of marijuana and two additional firearms. Officer Gentile made a total of seven arrests in the month of April. Officer Gentile is to be commended for being proactive; stopping potential crimes from occurring and taking these very dangerous weapons off the streets. Congratulations to Officer John Gentile as the recipient of Officer of the Month...well deserved!

CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – APRIL 2017 – COMMUNICATIONS OPERATOR PETER FILIBERTO

Communications Operator (CO) Peter Filiberto is assigned to Squad C in the Patrol Division and he was working on Thursday 04-13-17, when at approximately 0100 hours, a stolen vehicle was observed by a Bay Harbor Islands PD officer traveling east bound into the jurisdictions/area of Surfside and Bal Harbour. CO Filiberto was able to keep Surfside patrol units updated with pertinent information, and he provided extremely detailed CAD notes on the call which included the vehicle description, number of subjects (3), direction of travel, responding Surfside units, that the vehicle was taken in an armed robbery, that the subjects bailed out of the vehicle in Bal Harbour's jurisdiction, subject descriptions, subject's direction of travel, the use of other agency's air-marine-K9 support, when subjects were apprehended, and other agency case numbers. The duration of the call was over one hour and forty-five minutes. The detail provided in the CAD notes taken by CO Filiberto assisted supervisors and command staff in disseminating accurate information and having information readily available for use in reports.

CO Filiberto was able to perform the aforementioned functions while still manning the phones and dispatching other calls for service. CO Filiberto and the officers on this call displayed true teamwork in assisting the other agencies and due to this teamwork all three violent felons were arrested. I am proud to formally document the efforts and professionalism of CO Filiberto in this Letter of Commendation. Congratulations to Communications Operator Peter Filiberto as the recipient of Civilian of the Month...well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – APRIL 2017

Detective Dulaney
Detective Gambirazio
Officer Colonna
Officer Gentile

APRIL SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Update: Grand Theft Auto Arrest

04/08/2017: 9300 Block of Dickens Avenue

A vehicle parked in the front of a residence was stolen. The vehicle was recovered on 4/10/17 and latent fingerprints were retrieved from the vehicle which led to the identification and arrest of the subject on 4/12/17. The subject was also wanted by other police agencies

Update: Auto Burglaries Arrest

04/09/2017: 9200 and 9300 blocks of Bay Drive, 9300 block of Dickens Avenue, 9100 block of Froude Avenue and the 8900 block of Hawthorne Avenue

Several vehicles were entered at eight different locations. All vehicles were unlocked. Through latent finger prints and video surveillance, it was determined that the same subject involved in the Grand Theft Auto was also responsible for committing two of these burglaries. Although detectives suspect he was involved in the other auto burglaries, due to lack of evidence the subject could not be charged in the other cases

Update: Strong-Arm Robbery and Bench Warrant Arrest

04/18/2017: 9578 Harding Avenue (CVS Pharmacy)

The subject pushed the store manager when confronted for stealing merchandise from the store. The subject fled on foot. The subject was identified and detectives disseminated a "PC to Arrest" flyer to local police agencies with the subject's photograph and information. On 04/28/2017 at 2330 hours, the subject was located at North Shore Open Space Park in Miami Beach and arrested. A records check of the subject revealed an active bench warrant in reference to a battery.

Aggravated Assault

04/23/2017: 9400 Harding Avenue (Publix)

During a verbal dispute over a parking spot, the subject pointed a gun at the victim threatening to shoot him. The subject drove away possibly displaying a gang sign.

Openly Carrying a Firearm, Carrying a Concealed Weapon and Narcotics Possession Arrest

04/24/2017: 96th Street and Collins Avenue

During a traffic stop, the officer observed the driver had a firearm in plain view not concealed. The driver was taken out of the vehicle, a second firearm was observed in the passenger's open purse sitting on her lap another on the floor board by her feet. A check of the vehicle revealed Marijuana under 20 Grams, and three other guns. A total of six guns, four semi-automatic hand guns, an AK 47, a rifle and a shot gun all loaded with lots of extra ammo were found throughout the vehicle. The two subjects were arrested.

Carrying a Concealed Weapon without a Permit Arrest

04/25/17: 9100 Block of Emerson Avenue

A 21 year old male was stopped after exiting a vehicle. The male advised he was visiting a friend two houses down and when asked advised he had a firearm on his waist band. The subject was arrested.

Auto Burglaries

04/25/2017: 9200 block of Bay Drive

Several vehicles were entered at four different locations on the 9200 Block of Bay Drive. All vehicles were unlocked. A silver laptop computer valued at \$2,100.00 dollars was taken from one vehicle.

Aggravated Assault on a L.E.O., Resisting Arrest W/O Violence and Domestic Violence Battery Arrest

04/30/2017: 8800 block of Garland Avenue

Officers responded to a call received of a possible fight in the backyard of the residence. Upon arrival, officers heard yelling in the backyard. The gates leading to the backyard were locked and the front of the home was locked with iron gates. Officers approached from a neighbor's yard. An officer climbed to the top of the fence and announced he was a Surfside Police Officer. The subject told the officer that he would shoot him if he did not get off his property and he did not care if he was a police officer. The subject then entered his home through the rear door and walked to the front of the home with the gun in his hand. The subject refused to allow the officers to speak to or check on other occupants inside the home. The subject paced back and forth inside the gated porch with his firearm in his hand refusing to open the door and advising for the police to get off his property. A perimeter was established around the house with the assistance of officers from Bal Harbour and Bay Harbor Islands. A Surfside officer established a rapport with the subject and was convinced to open the door without the firearm and speak to the officers. Officers secured the subject and checked the well-being of the other occupants of the home, there were no injuries. The family members stated that an argument had escalated into a physical confrontation. The firearm and ammunition were seized.

NATIONAL POLICE APPRECIATION MONTH

May is the month where the Nation celebrates Memorial Day and National Police Appreciation Month.

In 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation which designated May 15th as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which that date falls as Police Week. Currently, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from around the world converge on Washington, DC to participate in a number of planned events which honor those that have paid the ultimate sacrifice. The Memorial Service began in 1982 as a gathering in Senate Park of approximately 120 survivors and supporters of law enforcement. Decades later, the event, more commonly known as National Police Week, has grown to a series of events which attracts thousands of survivors and law enforcement officers to our Nation's Capital each year.

Locally there are several events to honor the men and women of law enforcement.

The Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was established in 1980 to honor fallen officers from every police department and law enforcement agency within Miami- Dade County. In 2001, four black granite walls were erected; etched with the names of the gallant men and women who died serving the citizens of their community.

Please show your support for these men and women and honor their heroism and sacrifice by attending this years' service on May 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Tropical Park.

The Eternal Blue Line Flag will be flown over Surfside Town Hall in the honor of the fallen officers for the month of May.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AIDE JUAN DURAN GRADUATES FROM PUBLIC SERVICE AIDE ACADEMY

Surfside Police Department Community Service Aide Juan Duran graduated from the Broward College Institute of Public Safety Police Service Aide Academy on Thursday April 20, 2017. Juan began the five week academy on March 08, 2017 and he received training and certification in First Aid, Traffic Control, Parking Enforcement, Police Community Relations, and Traffic Accident Investigations. Juan distinguished himself from his peers and was selected as the Company Commander for his class due to his diligence, dedication, and military background. We congratulate Juan on his outstanding accomplishment.

SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The Police Officer Assistance Trust and the Law Enforcement Officers Under Authority Ministry hosted the 17th Annual Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Prayer Breakfast on May 2nd at 8:30 a.m. at the Big Five Club in Miami. Sgt. McKenna attended and represented the Surfside Police Department.

The Miami-Dade Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony will be on May 4th at 7:00 p.m. at Tropical Park. Chief Allen, Captain Yero, Lieutenant Bambis and Officer Ruiz as the representative of the Surfside Police Department Honor Guard will attend.

The Annual Law Day Celebration is May 5th at 10:00 a.m. at the North Dade Justice Center. Lt. Bambis will attend.

Dade Chiefs Training Day is being held on May 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm. at Miami Dade College North Campus. Captain Julio Yero will attend.

The supervisory staff meeting is May 9th at 5:00 p.m. in the training room.

Officer Lorente will represent the Surfside Police Department at an Honor Guard Detail for the Police Memorial in Washington, D.C. May 11th – May 13th.

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is May 17th at 2:00 p.m. Sgt. Marian Cruz will assign a detective to attend.

The Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting is May 18th at 10:00 a.m. The location is to be determined. The Criminal Investigations Unit will attend.

The Dade County Police Benevolent Association will honor Dade County's finest law enforcement officers at their twenty-fourth annual Law Enforcement Awards Gala on May 20th. Officer Lorente will participate as a member of the honor guard in a special tribute to fallen officers.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is May 30th at 10:00 a.m. Residents, business persons, and visitors can meet with the Chief and his staff over coffee to discuss community issues or provide feedback on the Police Department.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is May 31st at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN APRIL

SWAT Training - Sgt. Torres

Bulletproof leadership Course- Sgt. Alberto, Sgt. Cruz, Sgt. Matelis, Sgt. McKenna, Sgt. Pacheco, Sgt. Torres and Parking Manager Joseph

Background Investigations - Detective Gambirazio

Future Police Chiefs Seminar - Captain Yero

Giving and Receiving Criticism – Lt. Bambis, Sgt. Matelis, Sgt. McKenna and Parking Manager Joseph

TRAINING IN MAY

SWAT Training - Sgt. Torres

Tactical Advantages for Law Enforcement Training – Two officers will attend