

Bulletin

17-08

Date: August 4, 2017

OFFICERS OF THE MONTH - JULY 2017**OFFICER JOHN GENTILE AND OFFICER DIANNA HERNANDEZ**

On the morning of Sunday, July 9, 2017, at approximately 0330 hours, Officer John Gentile saw a vehicle with three occupants parked on the side of the road in the 9100 block of Collins Avenue and one person on a motorcycle a short distance away. Officer Gentile became suspicious when both the vehicle and motorcycle were not leaving or moving and there was no traffic. Officer Gentile observed the motorcycle leave traveling the wrong way on Collins Avenue in an effort to avoid the officer and the vehicle left the scene at the same time. Officer Gentile conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle for an equipment violation. The occupants of the car gave conflicting stories about their activity near the motorcycle. Two BB guns, a bolt cutter and a baseball bat were discovered inside the vehicle as well as a tag registered to a motorcycle with an address in the 9100 block of Collins Avenue. The owner was contacted and verified that in fact his motorcycle was stolen. The three subjects detained were arrested for Loitering and Prowling. Two of the occupants of car were juveniles and were offered the civil citation program and released to their parents. The third occupant was an adult and was charged with, Possession of a Stolen Tag and Possession of Burglary Tools along with the Loitering and Prowling charge. The motorcycle was recovered a few hours later by the Miami-Dade Police Department. Officer Gentile is to be commended for being proactive and alert while patrolling and for his instincts and investigative ability which led to these arrests. Congratulations to Officer John Gentile as a recipient of Officer of the Month...well deserved!

On Wednesday, July 12, 2017, Officer Dianna Hernandez was patrolling the residential area and observed a vehicle parked askew near the stop sign at 90th Street and Abbott Avenue. The driver was out of his vehicle securing a large cactus plant to the roof of the vehicle. He stated he found the cactus in the middle of the road in the 300 block of 90th Street. The cactus appeared to have been freshly cut. A hand saw was laying on the front passenger seat with fresh wood debris and plant matter. After canvassing the area, the a large cactus was located at 90th Street and Harding Avenue in a planter on the south side of the home with debris leading from the roadway to the home. Contact was made with the homeowner, who advised he did not cut his plant or authorize anyone to trim the plant. The driver/subject was arrested with no further incident. Because of Officer Hernandez' astute patrol techniques she was able to quickly identify and halt an in progress crime. She was also able to return the stolen plant to the owner without further damage. Officer Dianna Hernandez is commended for her professionalism and dedication to the community she serves. Congratulations to Officer Dianna Hernandez as a recipient of Officer of the Month...well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – JULY 2017

Officer Durante
Officer Gentile
Officer Hernandez
Parking Enforcement Officer Acosta

JULY SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Auto Burglary

07/05/2017 between 1200 hours to 1700 hours: 100 Block of 88th Street

Unknown subject(s) pried open the front passenger side door of a vehicle parked at a metered parking space in the 100 Block of 88th Street. A credit card, \$410.00 dollars in U.S. currency, a wallet, and a police family badge were stolen from inside the vehicle.

Grand Theft Motorcycle Arrest(s)

07/09/2017 at 0320 hours: 9100 block of Collins Avenue

An officer observed a motorcycle on the sidewalk with a rider sitting on it, and a vehicle stopped just north of the motorcycle with three occupants. The officer then observed the vehicle and motorcycle leave the area. A traffic stop was conducted on the vehicle, which resulted in the discovery of the license plate that belonged to the motorcycle as well as bolt cutters and two black BB guns. Officers made contact with the owner of the motorcycle who confirmed his motorcycle was stolen. Miami-Dade Police Officers found the motorcycle abandoned. Two of the vehicle occupants were juveniles with no criminal history, they were both issued a juvenile civil citation and released to their parents. The driver was an adult charged with loitering and prowling and petit theft. On 07/12/2017, SPD detectives located and arrested the fourth subject.

Grand Theft Arrest

07/12/2017 at 2230 hours: 300 block of 90th Street

While patrolling the residential area, an officer observed a male securing a cactus plant onto the roof of his vehicle. The male told the officer that he found the cactus laying in the middle of the street. Officers made contact with a nearby homeowner who did not know his cactus plant was being stolen from his front yard. The plant was valued at \$500.00 dollars. The male was arrested.

Narcotics Arrest

07/22/2017 at 0145 hours: 9700 block of Collins Avenue

During a traffic stop, the officer detected a strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. A search was conducted which revealed approximately 77 grams of marijuana. A records check of the driver revealed a suspended license. The driver was arrested.

Grand Theft and Concealed Weapon Arrest

07/22/2017 at 1520 hours: 9100 block of Collins Avenue

The victim reported that unknown subjects stole his locked tools valued at \$1,265.00 dollars from two tool boxes kept on the eleventh floor of the construction site. Officers reviewed the surveillance video with the victim and discovered two co-workers took the items. Officers located both subjects and arrested them. One subject was in possession of brass knuckles.

Auto Theft and Auto Burglary

07/22/2017 at 2300 hours to 07/23/2017 at 0700 hours: 9200 block of Bay Drive

A vehicle was stolen from the driveway of a residence. The keys were located inside the center console. Another vehicle also parked in their driveway was ransacked, but nothing was taken. Both vehicles were left unlocked. While conducting an area canvass, officers discovered another unlocked vehicle had also been burglarized in the 9200 block of Bay Drive but nothing was taken. On 07/28/2017, the vehicle was located in Plantation. Two females were detained with the vehicle while the driver fled the scene on foot. A search for the driver/subject was unsuccessful.

Auto Burglary

07/24/2017 at 0829 hours: 9400 block of Bay Drive

Unknown subject(s) entered an unlocked vehicle and searched through the glovebox and center console however nothing was taken from the vehicle. This offense is believed to have occurred on Saturday (7/22/17) night when other vehicles in the area were entered.

Auto Burglary

07/24/2017 at 1004 hours: 9300 block of Bay Drive

An unlocked vehicle was burglarized between Saturday, 07/22/2017, at approximately 2330 hours, and Sunday, 07/23/2017, at approximately 0730 hours. Unknown subject(s) went into the vehicle parked in a driveway and searched through the glovebox and center console taking only a lighter.

SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

The 9th Police Teen Summer Camp Program concluded on August 3rd with a graduation ceremony and luncheon for the teenagers at 12:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

The supervisory staff meeting is August 10th at 5:00 p.m. in the training room.

The Bal Harbour Police Department is hosting a Bicycle Rodeo on August 10th at 5:30 p.m. at the Bal Harbour Village Parking Lot. Officer Carrasquillo will represent the Surfside Police Department.

The Chief Press Foundation, the Key Biscayne Community Foundation and the Miami Children's Initiative are hosting a Back to School Summer Jam on August 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the MCI Community Space in Miami. CSA Donoso and CSA Duran will represent the Surfside Police Department.

The Pinecrest Police Department will host the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on August 24th at 10:00 a.m. Sgt. Marian Cruz will assign a detective to attend.

The Greater Miami Jewish Federation in partnership with the Anti-Defamation League is hosting a Community Security High Holiday Briefing on August 15th at 9:00 a.m. at the Greater Miami Jewish Federation. Chief Allen and Captain Yero will attend.

Bay Harbor Islands Police Department is hosting a Regional Field Force Team Meeting on August 16th from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Morris Broad Community Center. Chief Allen and Captain Yero will attend.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is August 30th at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is August 31st 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.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN JULY

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres
GIS Viewer (A-Form Module) Training - Detective Dulaney
Critical Leadership Training – Sergeant Matelis
Hurricane Preparedness Training – All Police Personnel
Conducting Background Investigations – Detective Dulaney

TRAINING IN AUGUST

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres
Bicycle Training – CSA Donoso and CSA Duran
Officer Safety, Wellness and Resiliency Training - Officers Durante, Matthews and Ruiz