

# Bulletin

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**OFFICERS OF THE MONTH – DECEMBER 2017- SERGEANT MARIAN CRUZ, DETECTIVE DIANA DULANEY AND DETECTIVE KEMUEL GAMBIRAZIO**

The Florida Department of Health Unlicensed Activity Unit Miami Office alerted Surfside detectives of allegations they received regarding a female employed by the Lemel Medical Spa who was practicing medicine while being unlicensed. Detective Dulaney was assigned as the lead investigator. Sergeant Cruz and Detective Dulaney organized a meeting with the Miami-Dade Police Department's Medical Crimes Unit detectives and the Florida Department of Health Miami Office investigator to coordinate efforts in the investigation and an undercover operation was developed.

Detective Dulaney set up an appointment with the subject of the investigation at the spa to receive Juvederm and Botox injections. On November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Detective Dulaney together with a MDPD female detective in an undercover capacity posed as the client accompanied by a friend and entered the spa for the scheduled appointment. Sergeant Cruz, Detective Gambirazio, and members of the MDPD Medical Crimes Unit surrounded the business and conducted surveillance while awaiting for the takedown signal from the undercover detectives.

Once inside, Detective Dulaney met with the subject as a new patient who was interested in facial injections. She familiarized herself with these procedures and learned the intricacies of specific medical law statutes to properly pull off her undercover role and at the same time obtain the necessary elements of a crime. She was diagnosed by the subject female, who offered to administer the injections right away. Detective Dulaney agreed to the procedure, then gave the takedown signal and all surrounding undercover units entered the spa. The subject was found to be in possession of three prescription drugs: one pre-filled syringe of Juvederm, one bottle of Botox, and one ampule of Lidocaine.

The difficult task of coordinating the subject and witness interviews and securing, categorizing and collecting all contraband was directed by Detective Sergeant Cruz. Detective Gambirazio took written statements from all the employees on scene, who were very hesitant to speak with detectives however his interview techniques coupled with his easy going and kind nature quickly changed that. Detective Gambirazio with the assistance of the MDPD detectives collected, photographed and impounded approximately \$5,000.00 worth of prescription drugs.

At the same time, Detective Dulaney and the MDPD female detective were interviewing the female subject in an office inside the spa. The interview lasted a few hours and Detective Dulaney was able to obtain a confession and further incriminating information about the spa. The subject was arrested and charged with one count of

Practicing Medicine without a License and three counts of Possession of Prescription Drug with intent to Dispense. Additional arrests along with penalties in connection to the business are pending.

I commend Detective Sergeant Cruz, Detective Dulaney and Detective Gambirazio on their successful undercover operation and quality investigation. Their professionalism and dedication resulted in the apprehension of a dangerous subject who could have caused serious injury to a person while performing healthcare unlicensed. The success of this investigation and overall operation is particularly commendable for this is the first case of this type executed by these detectives. This arrest garnered a significant amount of media coverage and a special thank you is in order for Detective Sergeant Cruz who in addition to her many responsibilities associated with the case handled all media inquiries and conducted multiple media video interviews. Congratulations to Sergeant Marian Cruz, Detective Diana Dulaney and Detective Kemuel Gambirazio as recipients of Officer of the Month...well deserved!

#### **CIVILIAN OF THE MONTH – DECEMBER 2017- EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF DINA GOLDSTEIN**

Over the past month, Dina Goldstein oversaw the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Police Department's Holiday Toy Drive as she has the previous eight years. This event requires much time and effort and commitment. The collection begins with advertisements for donations of new toys. The needy children are vetted and individually invited to attend with their parents the Toy Giveaway Party on December 21, 2017. Hundreds of toys were donated, purchased and stored.

The Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department participated as it does each year and arrived at Town Hall on the fire trucks with flashing lights and siren and Santa and Mrs. Claus on board. Town personnel were recruited to assist with the event for registration, the set-up, decoration, refreshments and cleanup of the Commission Chambers and the training room. Other Town personnel played the parts of Santa, Mrs. Claus, and the elves. Police Officers were needed for an escort, a street closure and traffic direction. Parking Enforcement Officers provided for room security and entertained the children's parents. A photographer documented the event and her husband provided the music. Sponsors were recognized with plaques. Numerous thank you letters were composed and mailed out. A pre-event meeting was held to give out assignments, duties and responsibilities. All of these responsibilities and functions were managed and coordinated by Dina.

The event was spectacular and enjoyable for all. It was a very special day for the children and the parents who attended. I thank and praise all who helped with this event but Dina certainly deserves the most credit and recognition. This has become another of her events that makes Surfside so special. Congratulations to Dina as the recipient of Civilian of the Month...well deserved!

**DECEMBER SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS****Auto Burglary**

12/3/17 between 1400 and 1830 hours

9000 block of Collins Avenue

The victims valeted their vehicle and left \$6,376.58 worth of high end merchandise inside the vehicle. Upon retrieving their vehicle, they discovered the items were missing. A review of surveillance video revealed a male subject using a key to enter the vehicle taking the merchandise. The case is currently under investigation.

**Apartment Fire**

12/20/2017 at 1110 hours

200 block of 90th Street

Officers were dispatched to a call in reference to a fire coming from an apartment inside of a residential building. MDRF extinguished the fire which was started because the homeowner left an unattended pot on a stove. Police units from Surfside and Bal Harbour evacuated the building and staffed intersections on Harding Avenue and in the residential area because traffic was impacted for an extended period of time. Surfside Code Enforcement responded to the scene as well as FPL and deemed the building an unsafe structure. The residents of the building vacated their apartments and will not return until the electrical system is brought up to the current code standards. No one was injured during the fire.

**Narcotics Arrest**

12/21/17 at 0812 hours

200 block of 88<sup>th</sup> Street

During a traffic stop, the officer observed a clear bag containing suspect marijuana when one of the occupants of the vehicle opened his back pack to get his identification. The male stated it was marijuana. Several needles and small baggies which the male stated were for heroin were also discovered in the vehicle. The total weight of the marijuana was approximately 74 grams. The male was arrested.

**Auto Burglary**

12/26/17 between 07450 and 0815

9500 block of Abbott Avenue

An unknown subject entered a vehicle and took a card board box left on the back seat containing six (6) telephones valued at \$6,400.00. There are no signs of forced entry.

**Bicycle Theft**

12/27/17 between 1800 and 1515 hours

9500 block of Collins Avenue

An unknown subject stole an unlocked bicycle located in front of an apartment building. A white male in his late 30's was observed riding away on a bicycle eastbound on 95<sup>th</sup> Street.

**HIGH ACHIEVERS – DECEMBER 2017**

Parking Enforcement Officer Acosta

**2017 LEO AWARDS FINALISTS**

Officer John Gentile, Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph and Executive Assistant Dina Goldstein have been selected as finalists for the prestigious 2017 Miami-Dade County LEO Awards. The winners will be chosen at the awards ceremony on March 3, 2018 at Trump National Doral. Congratulations and best of luck!

**NEW PERSONNEL**

Communications Operator Kenia Castillo began her career with the Surfside Police Department on December 6, 2017. Please introduce yourself and welcome Kenia to SPD!

CSA Ronald Donoso became a Surfside Police Officer December 11, 2017 and was sworn in on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in the Commission Chambers. Please congratulate Ronald and welcome him aboard to his new position!

CSA Juan Duran will begin the Police Academy on January 16, 2018. Good luck on your new venture!

**ONE WAY TRAFFIC PILOT PROGRAM**

The One Way Traffic Pilot Program began on December 14, 2017, with 90<sup>th</sup> Street traffic moving eastbound between Hawthorne and Collins Avenue, and 89<sup>th</sup> Street traffic moving westbound between Harding Avenue and Hawthorne Avenue. The streets will be clearly marked with paint to designate the pedestrian area, as well as the green/parking area. The test will run for 60 days.

**THIRD THURSDAY EVENTS**

The first Third Thursday event for the season is set for January 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The set up will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the breakdown will end at 11:00 p.m. The other dates are February 15<sup>th</sup>, March 15<sup>th</sup> and April 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Police Department will assist with the following:

- Block parking on the 200 block of 95<sup>th</sup> Street
- Block entire “Shul” parking lot
- Close the 200 block of 95<sup>th</sup> Street to traffic 2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. while keeping the alley pass through open

The businesses and The Shul will be notified that the area will be closed to traffic by utilizing the flashing signs as well as assistance from Officer Lorente.

**SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS**

The supervisory staff meeting is January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the training room.

The Aventura Police Department will host the Northeast Community Traffic Safety Programs (CTST) meeting January 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to discuss the FDOT Drive Safe – Aggressive Driving Awareness Campaign and begin scheduling multi-agency education/enforcement operations for the next three months. Officer Lorente will attend.

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

The Region XIV Training Council meeting will be on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Miami Dade College North Campus. Chief Allen will attend.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is January 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

Chief Allen will attend the Cleared Chiefs Briefing at the FBI Headquarters on January 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

The Surfside Police Department will host a community blood drive on January 31<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. The blood mobile will be in the Town Hall lot.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is January 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

**TRAINING COMPLETED IN NOVEMBER**

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres

Less Lethal Weapon training – All Sworn Personnel

Narcans Training – Sgt. Pacheco, Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Hernandez, Ofc. Lorente, Ofc. Lovellette

Sovereign Citizen Training – Sgt. Matelis, Sgt. Pacheco, Ofc. Arch, Ofc. Campbell, Ofc. Colonna, Ofc. Lorente, Ofc. Luke, Ofc. Matthews, Ofc. Ruiz, Ofc. Smith

Probationary Police Officer Scenario Based Training – Ofc. Durante, CSA Donoso and CSA Duran

New Florida Driver's License and Florida ID Card Law Enforcement Training- All Sworn Personnel

**TRAINING IN DECEMBER**

Four Day SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres