

Bulletin

18-04

Date: April 5, 2018

OFFICER OF THE MONTH – MARCH 2018 - OFFICER MICAH SMITH

From February 23, 2018 to February 27, 2018 three residential burglaries occurred in the residential neighborhood in the 9000 block of Carlyle Avenue, 9100 block of Byron Avenue and the 9400 block of Bay Drive. Subjects ransacked the homes and stole electronics, jewelry, alcohol bottles and perfumes. The total loss between all the victims was approximately \$8,745.00 dollars. Detectives conducted an area canvass and located two nearby homes with surveillance cameras. Upon review of the video surveillance, detectives obtained images of the subjects walking in the area on the days of the burglaries. This information also confirmed that the subjects were committing the burglaries during the morning hours. An information flyer was distributed to our officers, surrounding agencies and the community.

On Friday, March 2, 2018, Officer Micah Smith was working an off-duty detail in the Town. While he was driving to set up the lane closure, he noticed three juvenile males walking on Harding Avenue and one in particular grabbed his attention since he was wearing the same clothing as the subject in the flyer. Officer Smith stopped the juveniles, separated them and requested that a detective respond to his location. A detective responded and had all three juveniles transported to the station and interviewed. All juveniles gave sworn and recorded statements confessing to their involvement in all three burglaries. The juveniles described how they entered the homes and the items they took. Furthermore, they also admitted to being in the area to commit additional burglaries. In their possession they had items that belonged to the burglary victims. The juveniles were arrested and each were charged with three counts of unoccupied burglary and one count of loitering and prowling.

Officer Smith's actions are a clear example of his experience and dedication to his profession and the community. Officer Smith analyzed the burglary flyer disseminated and his alertness and keen observation skills immediately triggered the identification of a possible burglary subject. He acted on his instincts and prevented these subjects from committing additional burglaries in our community. Congratulations to Officer Micah Smith as the recipient of Officer of the Month...well deserved!

HIGH ACHIEVERS – MARCH 2018

Detective Dulaney
Detective Gambirazio
Officer Campbell
Officer Carrasquillo
Officer Durante
Officer Valino
Parking Enforcement Officer Acosta

MARCH SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS

Battery on LEO /Disorderly Intoxication/Resisting Officer Without Violence/Criminal Mischief Arrest

03/04/2018 at 2320 hours

900 block of 93rd Street

Officers were dispatched to a suspicious vehicle that was occupied and parked near a residence. Officers saw two females in the vehicle sleeping, who they tried to wake up but were unsuccessful. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue was summoned in case the females had a medical emergency. Once the females awoke, one appeared to be intoxicated and began to yell obscenities at officers. She charged at an officer, striking his neck and shoulder area with her hands. She was handcuffed and placed in the back of the police car, while there she attempted to kick out the window with her feet causing damage to the window.

Update: Burglary Arrests

03/02/18

9400 block of Bay Drive, 9000 block of Carlyle Avenue, 9100 block of Byron Avenue

An officer stopped three male juveniles from Miami walking on Harding Avenue during school hours. One matched the description of a person of interest in recent burglaries which occurred on 02/23/2018 and 02/27/2018. All three were taken to the Surfside Police Department where they were interviewed by detectives. They all gave full confessions to their involvement in the recent burglaries and added that they were in the area with the intention of committing another one. Each male was also found to be in possession of items that belonged to the victims. They were arrested, charged with three counts of Unoccupied Burglary and Loitering & Prowling.

Auto Burglary Arrest

03/27/2018 at 0903 hours

200 block of 88th Street

A male subject was observed entering two parked vehicles. Officers made contact with the subject and discovered that he had stolen two bags belonging to the vehicle owners from the 8500 block of the beach then proceeded to locate where their vehicles were parked. Using the vehicle keys found inside the bags, the subject stole \$96.00 dollars, a cellular telephone, a knife, cigarettes and an air pump from the vehicles. The male was arrested and charged with Auto Burglary by Surfside Police and charged with Grand Theft by Miami Beach Police.

Petit Theft and Organized Scheme to Defraud Arrest

03/27/2018 at 1030 hours

8900 block of Emerson Avenue

The victim who resides in Texas was contacted by a subject, who identified himself as a Miami attorney and legal counsel for his grandson who was arrested in Miami. The subject requested for the victim to purchase \$8,000.00 dollars' worth of Target gift cards and provide him with the card and access number over the phone for his legal services, to which the victim complied. The subject then requested the victim send an additional \$13,000.00 dollars via FedEx to a Surfside address to cover the expense of his grandson's bail and transportation back to Texas, the victim complied. The subject contacted the victim again and told him that his grandson suffered an injury and needed emergency surgery in Miami and requested \$33,000.00 dollars in cash to cover the expenses. Prior to the victim complying with the final request, he was contacted by his real grandson who assured him that he was well and in no trouble in Miami. The victim realized he had been defrauded and contacted the Dallas Police Department, who then contacted the Surfside Police Department to report the incident. Surfside detectives arranged to have the victim send a false package to the address provided by the subject which was a vacation rental property. Detectives conducted surveillance around the property where the money was to be delivered and observed two male subjects drive up to the property and pick up the fake package. Detectives stopped the males and transported them back to the station for questioning. Both admitted to their involvement in the scheme and were arrested.

NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATIONS WEEK

The National Public Safety Telecommunications Week is April 08–14, 2018. This week is celebrated annually and honors the thousands of men and women who answer emergency calls, dispatch emergency professionals and equipment, and render life-saving assistance to citizens.

Communications Supervisor Susie, Communications Operator Tameka Burnell, Communications Operator Kenia Castillo and Communications Operator Jorge Villar are honored by the Command Staff and colleagues for their service to the law enforcement profession as communication operators. Thank you all for your dedication, professionalism, and all that you do each and every day.

SHIFT BID

The new shift bid will become effective April 23, 2018. The shift bid process commenced this week by Captain Yero in order to have it completed well in advance and allow everyone to plan their schedules accordingly.

SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS

Chief Allen attended the South Florida Money Laundering Strike Force meeting at the HIDTA building on April 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Chief Allen attended the Regional Training Council meeting at the Miami-Dade School of Justice on April 5th at 10:00 a.m.

The Miami-Dade County Public Schools Administration will host a meeting to discuss opportunities to expand the partnerships between our organizations and combine resources to enhance school security on April 6th from 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Miami Beach. Chief Allen and Mayor Dietch will attend.

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

The Officer of the Year and Civilian of the Year luncheon is April 11th at 12:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers to honor Officer John Gentile and Parking Operations Manager Elinor Joseph.

The Surfside Police Department will host a Mobile Department of Motor Vehicles event for residents to apply for and renew their driver's licenses on April 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers

The Third Thursday event is April 19th from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. The set up will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the breakdown will end by 11:00 p.m. Two officers on overtime will be assigned.

The Surfside Police Department will host a community blood drive on April 25th from 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The blood mobile will be in the Town Hall lot.

Miami Dade College, Florida International University and Ashoka will host an event to discuss amongst Miami's top leaders to assess the best strategies and resources to leverage Miami into a Changemakers Hub, helping to promote a culture of greater community involvement in solving entrenched social problems on April 25th from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. in Miami. Chief Allen will attend.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is April 25th at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The Bay Harbor Islands Police Department will host the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on April 26th at 10:00 a.m. Sgt. Marian Cruz will assign a detective to attend.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is April 26th 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 Prescription Drug Drop Off Day is April 28th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Lobby. Dina Goldstein will manage this event.

Surfside PD, Aventura PD, Bal Harbour PD, Bay Harbour Islands PD and Sunny Isles Beach PD will host a Shred a Thon and DEA Drug Take Back on April 28th at Bill Bird Marina (Haulover Park) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. CSA Smith will attend.

TRAINING COMPLETED IN MARCH

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres

Single Officer Active Shooter Response Training- All Sworn Personnel

Active Shooter Training at MBPD- Sergeant Torres and Officer Valino

Workplace Bullying Training- All Personnel

Law Enforcement In-Flight Tactics Familiarization Training- Detective Gabriel

Time Management Skills - All Supervisors

Social Media Investigations Training at Bay Harbor Islands Police Department- Sergeant Cruz, Detective Dulaney and Detective Gambirazio

TRAINING IN APRIL

SWAT Training - Sergeant Torres

FBI Law Enforcement Executive Development Association Training Conference – Captain Yero

Enhanced Mobile Field Force Training – Sergeant Torres

Executive/Administrative Professional CORE 1 Training – EA Goldstein