

# Bulletin

# 19-05

Date: May 3, 2019

**OFFICERS OF THE MONTH – APRIL 2019 – ACTING SERGEANT TAMMY CAMPBELL AND OFFICER JOSE VALINO**

On Wednesday April 10, 2019, Bay Harbor Islands officers responded to a call for service in their jurisdiction reference a missing autistic juvenile. The only information provided by the Bay Harbor Islands officer on scene was that the juvenile was a nine (9) year old boy who was refusing to go to school and may be walking towards Miami Beach where his father resides. Acting Sergeant Campbell immediately coordinated a detailed response by having available Surfside Officers and Criminal Investigation Unit Detectives assigned to specific roadways and defined areas to avoid a duplication of efforts in the search for the juvenile. Acting Sergeant Campbell was also able to obtain additional information regarding the juvenile and the address of the father's residence in Miami Beach. Surfside personnel were also assigned to check the north-end of Miami Beach and the information regarding the missing juvenile was provided to the Miami Beach Communications Unit for dissemination to their police officers. Detective Gambirazio was assigned to meet with the missing boy's father who was outside his residence in the north-end of Miami Beach. The search was active for almost twenty minutes when Officer Valino observed the juvenile walking in the 8200 block of Collins Avenue and he began to run from Officer Valino. Officer Valino's experience and CIT training enabled him to calm the juvenile, at which time the juvenile's mother arrived at the location with a Bay Harbor Islands Police Officer. Detective Gambirazio brought the father to the location and the entire family was safely reunited.

Acting Sergeant Campbell, Officer Valino, and the other police personnel on this search displayed professional excellence in their handling and response to this incident. Acting Sergeant Campbell and Officer Valino are to be commended for their dedication, compassion and commitment to bringing this incident to a safe and successful conclusion. Congratulations to Acting Sergeant Tammy Campbell and Officer Jose Valino as recipients of Officer of the Month...well deserved!

**HIGH ACHIEVERS – APRIL 2019**

Officer Carrasquillo

Officer Gentile

Officer Smith

Officer Valino

Parking Enforcement Officer Saffo

**SIGNIFICANT INVESTIGATIONS/INCIDENTS****Stolen Vehicle Recovery**

04/14/2019 at 1735 hours

8800 block of Garland Avenue

A parking officer responded to an improperly parked vehicle. A record check of the vehicle's tag was conducted which revealed it was reported stolen out of Atlanta, Georgia. The Atlanta Police Department verified and confirmed the information was correct. Prior to being towed, officers searched the vehicle and discovered two pistol magazines, one containing two live rounds. The pistol magazines were impounded into the Surfside Police Property and Evidence Unit and the vehicle was towed for safekeeping.

**Residential Burglary**

04/15/2019 between 1222 - 1226 hours

8700 block of Abbott Avenue

Officers responded to a call of a burglar alarm. They found the front door breached and the locking mechanism damaged. The residence was searched by officers, but no subjects were located. Homeowners arrived shortly after and confirmed their residence had been burglarized. A total of \$2,300.00 dollars' worth of jewelry was missing. Miami Beach Police Department's Crime Scene processed the residence for evidence.

**Residential Burglary**

04/15/2019 between 1220 - 1226 hours

8700 block of Abbott Avenue

Officers conducted a neighborhood canvas regarding the previous burglary incident and noticed a sliding glass door open. The residence was searched by officers, but no subjects were located. Homeowners arrived shortly after and confirmed their residence had been burglarized. A total of \$2,540.00 dollars' worth of electronics and other items were missing. Surveillance cameras captured a male exiting the side of the residence with a television. Miami Beach Police Department's Crime Scene processed the residence for evidence.

**Missing Person**

04/15/2019 at 2306 hours

500 90th Street

Officers responded to a call of a missing person. Upon their arrival, the mother reported that she last saw her 18-year-old daughter on 04/14/2019 at 2200 hours. The mother stated that she had not heard from her daughter since and that was unusual behavior. An investigation ensued, which revealed the daughter had flown to the State of Colorado. On 04/17/2019, the daughter was found in Colorado deceased from a self-inflicted gun-shot wound.

**Recovered Stolen Vehicle**

04/21/2019 at 1830 hours – 04/22/2019 at 0400 hours  
625 94th Street

A Bay Harbor Islands Police Officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. Investigation later revealed that the vehicle had been stolen from Surfside. The Surfside resident had not realized that the vehicle had been stolen. According to the subject, the vehicle was unlocked and the key was on the floorboard. The subject was arrested by Bay Harbor Islands Police Department and the vehicle was returned to the resident.

**Residential Burglary**

04/19/2019 at 0945 hours – 04/24/2019 at 0020 hours  
8943 Garland Avenue

The reporter contacted police after discovering her brother's home was burglarized while he was out of town. The reporter arrived at her brother's house on the evening of 04/24/2019 and noticed that all of the bedrooms were ransacked. It appeared the subject(s) entered through a bedroom window. Subject(s) ransacked all three bedrooms and stole jewelry and personal documents. Miami Beach Police Crime Scene Unit responded to process the scene and one latent print was collected.

**SHIFT BID**

The Patrol Shift Bid process has been completed and was effective April 22, 2019.

**A Squad**

Sergeant Alberto  
Officer Arch  
Officer Campbell  
Officer Carrasquillo  
Officer Valino  
Communications Supervisor Sperbeck

**B Squad**

Sergeant Torres  
Officer Colonna  
Officer Donoso  
Officer Gentile  
Officer Luke  
Communications Operator Burnell

**C Squad**

Sergeant Lorente  
Officer Hernandez  
Officer Lovellette  
Officer Matthews  
Officer Valino  
Communications Operator Castillo

**D Squad**

Sergeant Pacheco  
Officer Durante  
Officer Knight  
Officer Ruiz  
Officer Smith  
Communications Operator Villar

**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.

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

**FBI- LEEDA TRILOGY AWARD**

Sergeant Marian Cruz successfully completed the FBI-Law Enforcement Executive Development Association's (FBI-LEEDA) Supervisor Leadership Institute training, Command Leadership Institute training and Executive Leadership Institute training and received the prestigious FBI-LEEDA Trilogy Award on April 19, 2019.

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIFORM CRIME REPORT (UCR)**

The Uniform Crime Report (UCR) is submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement biannually and annually. The FBI uses UCR to track crime nationwide. The Total Crimes increased by 5.9% in Surfside from 2017-2018. The overall low crime increase was maintained through enforcement and crime prevention initiatives. Violent Crime (see classification below) decreased by 2.0% and Property Crime (see classification below) increased by 4.1%. The increase in property crimes may be contributed specifically to thefts from unlocked vehicles and thefts of bicycles left unattended and unlocked. Total arrests increased from 96 in 2017 to 183 in 2018. Crime Rates, index totals and percentages are determined and affected by a number of categories not listed.

<b>Violent Offenses</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Murder	0	0	
Rape	0	1	100.00%
Robbery	2	0	-200.0%
Aggravated Assault	4	5	25.0%
<b>Violent Offense Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Violent Crime Rate</b>	<b>103.2</b>	<b>101.1</b>	<b>-2.0%</b>
<b>Property Offenses</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Burglary	8	10	25.0%
Larceny	81	88	8.6%
Motor Vehicle Theft	7	4	-42.9%
<b>Property Offense Total</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
<b>Property Crime Rate</b>	<b>1,651.2</b>	<b>1,718.9</b>	<b>4.1%</b>
<b>Total Index Offenses</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
<b>Clearance Rate for Index Crimes</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>15.7</b>	<b>-52.8%</b>

## **SPECIAL INFORMATION/COMMUNITY INITIATIVES/LAW ENFORCEMENT EVENTS IN APRIL**

The supervisory staff meeting was April 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

The Surfside Police Department hosted a community blood drive on April 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Surfside Police Department hosted a Mobile Department of Motor Vehicles event for residents to apply for and renew their driver's licenses on April 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride was April 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops was April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

The Prescription Drug Drop Off Day was April 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Lobby.

Surfside PD, Aventura PD, Bay Harbor Islands PD and Sunny Isles Beach PD hosted a Shred a Thon and DEA Drug Take Back on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Bill Bird Marina (Haulover Park) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Ofc. Luke and PEO Acosta participated in the event.

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

The Police Officer Assistance Trust and the Law Enforcement Officers Under Authority Ministry hosted the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Prayer Breakfast on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at the Big Five Club in Miami. Chief Yero and Lt. Marciante attended and represented the Surfside Police Department.

The 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Miami-Dade Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Ceremony was May 2<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Tropical Park. Chief Yero and Capt. Bambis attended. Ofc. Luke joined a multijurisdictional Honor Guard Team in the ceremony.

The supervisory staff meeting is May 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.

The Police/ Prosecutor meeting is May 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

The Coral Gables Police Department will host the Regional Criminal Investigations Unit intelligence meeting on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Surfside Police Officers will be assigned to assist the Miami Beach Police Department at their Memorial Day Air and Sea Show and Urban Weekend.

The Police Command Staff will attend the Annual Town of Surfside Memorial Day event on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at Veterans' Park. Ofc. Durante and Ofc. Luke will participate as members of the Honor Guard.

The monthly Bike with the Chief Ride is May 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

The monthly Starbucks – Coffee with the Cops is May 30<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.

**TRAINING COMPLETED IN APRIL**

SWAT Training – Sgt. Torres

AR-15 Long Rifle Qualifications – Sgt. Lorente, Det. Gambirazio, Det. Gabriel, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Gentile, Ofc. Ruiz, Ofc. Smith

Crisis Intervention Team Training – Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Duran

Writing Effective Police Reports – Ofc. Carrasquillo

FBI-LEEDA Executive Leadership Institute Training – Chief Yero and Sgt. Cruz

AR-15 Long Rifle Qualifications – Sgt. Lorente, Det. Gabriel, Det. Gambirazio, Ofc. Donoso, Ofc. Gentile, Ofc. Ruiz, Ofc. Smith

Bias-Based Profile Training – All Personnel

Autism Awareness Training for Law Enforcement Officers – Ofc. Duran, Ofc. Smith