



**Date of occurrence:** January 21, 2012

**Employee Name:** Sgt. Jose Valino, Officer Frank Colonna, Officer Donald McGavern

**Classification:** Police Officers

**Unit/Division:** Patrol

**Award/Commendation type and recommendations:** Letter of Commendation

**Narrative:**

On January 21, 2012 at 08484 hours, the above officers responded to a disturbance call of a man with a knife in the 9000 block of Froude Avenue. Upon arrival, the officers observed a man covered with blood. He had his hands concealed inside his clothing. He refused to listen to commands of the police officers. At this point, he charged at the officers. Officer Frank Colonna deployed his Taser striking the victim without effect. The subject continued to fight the officers and the Taser was deployed several more times. The officers finally wrestled the subject to the ground and handcuffed him. All three officers were heavily exposed with the subject's blood. Witnesses stated that the subject had stabbed himself in an attempt to commit suicide. The subject had two deep self-inflicted stab wounds to his arms. Miami-Dade Fire Rescue Department responded and treated the subject who was subsequently airlifted to Jackson Memorial Hospital.

Sgt. Valino, Officer Frank Colonna, and Officer Don McGavern are recognized for their courage and restraint during a highly charged confrontation with a mentally disturbed individual intent on killing himself.

**Chief of Police:** David Allen

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Allen", is written over the printed name of the Chief of Police.

**Date:** January 27, 2012