



**Date of occurrence:** 6/18/12

**Employee Name:** Jonathan Alvarez

**Classification:** Police Officer

**Unit/Division:** Patrol

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

**Narrative:** While patrolling an area where many bicycle thefts have occurred, Officer Alvarez observed a subject riding a bicycle without any lights and wearing a back pack come out from between two buildings located at 9056 Collins Avenue. Officer Alvarez conducted a stop of the subject at the 9000 block of Harding Avenue and before the officer could say anything the subject spontaneously stated "I'm sorry I needed to find a way home!" After being questioned by the officer the subject admitted to stealing the bicycle from a bike rack located at the above location. After the subject was arrested a search of his back pack revealed bolt cutters, metal pliers, and gloves. After some investigation Officer Alvarez was able to locate and return the bicycle to the owner that same night. Officer Alvarez did an outstanding job stopping and arresting this dangerous subject before he could commit another crime.