



Date of occurrence: May 6, 2016

Employee Name: Officer Antonio Mesa

Unit/Division: Patrol

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation

Narrative:

On Friday May 6th, 2016, while on patrol in the 9300 block of Byron Ave, Officer Tony Mesa saw a suspicious looking male pushing a shopping cart down the street. The shopping cart also contained boxes of body wash soap and laundry detergent. Officer Mesa stopped the male and began to inquire about the shopping cart and the merchandise it contained. The officer became suspicious after the subject kept changing his story with regards to the merchandise and the shopping cart. The subject confessed to the officers he walked into the loading dock area at Publix, entered an occupied storage room that is closed to the public and stole the merchandise. Publix management was quickly contacted and responded to the scene. The Publix manager confirmed the stolen property belonged to the store. Video footage of the subject inside the storage room was also obtained and the stolen merchandise was returned to Publix. The subject was placed under arrest and charged with occupied burglary, petit theft and possession of a shopping cart.

Officer Mesa's alertness in seeing this subject led to exceptional police work which ultimately resulted in the arrest. I commend Officers Tony Mesa for his professionalism and dedication to the community.