



Date of occurrence: November 21, 2016

Employee Name: Marian Cruz, Edward Carrasquillo & Kemuel Gambirazio

Classification: Police Sergeant & Detective

Unit/Division: Criminal Investigations Unit

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Letter of Commendation,
Officer of the Month

Narrative:

On Sunday, November 06, 2016, Detective Sergeant Cruz and Detective Carrasquillo were called in from home to interview a juvenile male whose mother had just discovered he was sexting with the doorman of the building where they live.

They immediately started working on the case, the detectives reviewed the text messages from the juvenile's phone and noticed there were explicit conversations between the subject and the juvenile about sex and drugs. They developed a good rapport with the juvenile and began asking him questions. At the conclusion of the interview, they determined that a crime had occurred and were able to identify the doorman and his work schedule.

On Wednesday, November 09, 2016, Detective Sergeant Cruz and Detective Carrasquillo arranged with the parents of the juvenile to conduct a controlled text message conversation between him and the subject. During the controlled text conversation, they monitored the conversation and coached the juvenile. The subject offered to take the juvenile marijuana the next day to the building.

On Thursday, November 10, 2016, Detective Sergeant Cruz coordinated the surveillance of the building awaiting the arrival of the subject and the take down. Detective Carrasquillo and Detective Gambirazio approached the subject in the parking lot and located marijuana inside his shirt pocket. They placed the subject in their vehicle and transported him to SPD for questioning.

Detective Carrasquillo and Detective Gambirazio interviewed the subject, who gave a full confession about how he gave the juvenile drugs and sent him explicit sexual text messages. The subject was arrested and charged with Lewd and Lascivious Conduct on a Child, Electronic Transmission Harmful to Minors, Possession of Controlled Substance (Xanax) and Possession of Marijuana.

Detective Sergeant Marian Cruz, Detective Edward Carrasquillo and Detective Kemuel Gambirazio conducted an outstanding investigation identifying, interviewing and ultimately arresting the subject in just four days. I commend them for their tireless dedication, professionalism and skill in apprehending the subject and obtaining a confession within a short period of time.