



**Date of occurrence:** Saturday, July 29, 2018

**Employee Name:** Jay Matelis

**Classification:** Police Sergeant

**Unit/Division:** Patrol

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

**Narrative:**

On Saturday, July 29, 2018 at approximately 0330 hrs., Sergeant Jose Matelis contacted a male walking west on 88<sup>th</sup> Street toward Harding Avenue, carrying a backpack. The male immediately appeared nervous, began sweating, and his speech was stuttered. Sergeant Matelis requested back-up assistance and the male sat down placing his bag on the ground. He spontaneously told Sergeant Matelis that he had five (5) baggies of marijuana in his bag and admitted he sells marijuana. There was approximately 12.5 grams of marijuana in the backpack. The subject also admitted to attempting to break into two vehicles prior to the police encounter in the 200 block of 88<sup>th</sup> Street and entering an unlocked vehicle in the 8800 block of Collins Avenue. He did not take anything from the vehicle because he was startled when he saw someone exit the apartment building. The subject further admitted that he was planning to enter the residential area of the Town and burglarize unlocked vehicles. The subject is currently homeless, and is on probation out of Broward County for fraud and had a bench warrant for No Valid DL. The male was charged with Auto Burglary, Loitering and Prowling, Possession of Marijuana, and the Bench Warrant. The subject has an extensive criminal past for Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer, Theft, Burglary, Fraud, and Narcotic violations. Sergeant Matelis is an exemplary patrol supervisor. Through his diligence, observation skills, and his dedication to patrol tactics, Sergeant Jose Matelis identified a subject that would have victimized countless citizens. I proudly commend Sergeant Jose Matelis for his tireless dedication, skill and commitment to the Town of Surfside and our Police Department. Congratulations to Sergeant Jay Matelis as a recipient of Officer of the Month...well deserved!