



Date of occurrence: March 21, 2022

Employee Name: Officer Ronald Donoso

Classification: Police Officer

Unit/Division: Patrol

Award/Commendation type and recommendations: Officer of the Month.

Narrative:

While inside the Publix Supermarket in Surfside on March 21, 2022 at 0830 hours, Officer Ronald Donoso observed a male placing item inside a red bag that was placed inside a shopping cart and a female accompanying him. Upon seeing a police officer, the male and female noticeably changed their behavior perceptible to Officer Donoso. As Officer Donoso approached the checkout area, the male and female did as well however they attempted to exit the store without paying for the merchandise passing all points of sale. Officer Donoso informed Officer Ruiz, who was also present, of his suspicions and they tried to stop the subjects from leaving the store. The male reacted by pushing the shopping cart away from his person and fled towards the exit of the business. Officer Donoso and Officer Ruiz pursued him however the male resisted all commands to stop and pulled away from Officer Donoso upon contact. The male continued to flee down the escalator into the garage area where he was taken into custody. The female was taken into custody without incident and both were subsequently arrested. The store manager advised this male has been observed in the store the past few mornings. Officer Donoso's alertness resulted in apprehending a subject that has potentially committed multiple thefts at Publix.

Officer Ronald Donoso began his law enforcement career with the Surfside Police Department and has been a remarkable employee for five years. Officer Donoso has a strong work ethic and has earned the utmost respect from his peers and Command Staff. Officer Donoso is commended for embodying the Police Department's core values, proactive policing and dedication to the community he proudly serves. Congratulations to Officer Ronald Donoso as the recipient of the March Officer of the Month award...well deserved!