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BROOKLINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Subject: Commendations

Patrol Officer Kristen Healy

Patrol Officer Kristin Healy was conducting traffic enforcement in the Coolidge Corner area on April 6, 2014 at approximately 12:40a.m. While monitoring the traffic flow Patrol Officer Healy observed a motor vehicle operating on Harvard Street that failed to display both of its headlights. Based on this violation Patrol Officer Healy stopped the vehicle. A check on the status of the operator's license revealed that his right to operate had been suspended. Patrol Officer Healy also learned that the operator had multiple drug offenses on his criminal record. Subsequently, the operator was placed under arrest and Patrol Officer Healy, along with another officer, conducted an inventory search of the vehicle prior to having it towed. As a result of this inventory search officers located bags containing multiple ounces of marijuana, various pills, two cell phones and \$1600.00 in cash. Based on the amount of controlled substances that officers located, the operator was also charged with possession with intent to distribute class D and E drugs.

This case is an example of one of the values of traffic enforcement. Through her efforts Patrol Officer Healy displayed initiative, knowledge of the law and an ability to develop a solid criminal case that resulted in the arrest of a drug dealer. Based on her efforts that night, Patrol Officer Kristin Healy will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.

Sergeant Michael Heavey **Patrol Officer Robert M. Collins**

During the early morning hours of June 9, 2014 a call was received from a Brookline resident who reported that his adult daughter did not return home from a graduation party in Boston. Sergeant Michael Heavey supervised the incident. Both he and Patrol Officer Robert M. Collins spoke with the family. Based on this conversation, officers tracked down the Uber driver who allegedly dropped her off. The drop off location was around the corner from her home. Sergeant Heavey conducted a search of the area during which Patrol Officer Collins located the missing woman in the backyard of a house. The woman stated that she became confused about her circumstances so she intended to wait until it got light out and find her way home. It was also determined that no foul play was involved.



The actions by our officers that night resulted in quickly locating this person. By doing so in this manner, a family's concern was quickly alleviated which made everyone feel better. Because of their action that night, both Sergeant Michael Heavey and Patrol Officer Robert M. Collins will both be awarded a Letter of Commendation.

Patrol Officer Russell Lloyd

During the early part of May 2014 the Town experienced an increase in motor vehicle break-ins in the Coolidge Corner area. Patrol Officer Russell Lloyd was assigned to a route that included part of the area that was being impacted by these break-ins. As part of his duties, Patrol Officer Lloyd familiarized himself with these crimes as well with a description of a possible suspect. On May 9, 2014 at approximately 1:30a.m, Patrol Officer Lloyd was conducting directed patrol activities in an effort to apprehend the person responsible for these crimes. While doing this, he observed a subject who fit the description of the possible suspect. This subject was kept under surveillance by Patrol Officer Lloyd and was observed acting in a suspicious manner after having seen Patrol Officer Lloyd in his marked police cruiser. After making these observations, this subject was stopped by Patrol Officer Lloyd and a threshold inquiry was initiated. During this inquiry Patrol Officer Lloyd discovered a GPS unit with wires attached on the person of the stopped subject. Patrol Officer Lloyd was able to quickly determine that the GPS unit was stolen from a motor vehicle that was parked on Freeman Street earlier in the evening. Officers then placed the subject under arrest. Other evidence was located on the subject's person which was identified as being taken from a second break-in of a vehicle parked on Longwood Ave. A follow up investigation was conducted by other officers which resulted in other similar type crimes being attributed to this subject.

This is an example of excellent police work on the part of Patrol Officer Lloyd which included the development of a working knowledge of an emerging crime pattern in his area of responsibility. Based on this knowledge, he placed himself in an area that allowed him a good opportunity to apprehend the person responsible for these crimes. Based on his actions in this case, Patrol Officer Russell Lloyd will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.

Lieutenant Michael McCarthy

Patrol Officer Douglas Dunwoody

The Police Department began to notice an increase in reports of package thefts from building vestibules during the middle of May. Information was assembled and distributed to Police personnel concerning this crime trend. Included in this information were the locations, the time of day and a description of a possible suspect. Lieutenant Michael McCarthy organized this information, developed a plan and assigned police officers to the area. On May 23, 2014 based on the above information, Patrol Officer Douglas Dunwoody was in the area of Kent and Aspinwall Ave. At about 4:20 p.m. a call was given out reporting a person urinating against a building on Kent Street. Patrol Officer Dunwoody responded immediately and was able to stop the subject to conduct a field interview. During this interview, Patrol Officer Dunwoody was able to observe that the subject was wearing orange Nike sneakers which were consistent with the description of the possible suspect. Lieutenant Andrew Lipson responded to the scene of the stop and immediately identified the subject as a person who had been arrested twice in the past in Brookline for stealing packages. Upon conducting criminal records check it was learned that an outstanding arrest warrant for this subject was issued by West Roxbury Court. He was placed under arrest. A follow up investigation was conducted that linked the series of package thefts to this subject. The rash of thefts in this area ended with this arrest.



This series of package thefts was stopped because of the attention paid to the events taking place in Brookline by Lieutenant McCarthy and Patrol Officer Dunwoody. By implementing the plan developed by Lieutenant McCarthy, Patrol Officer Dunwoody and other officers were able to patrol in a location where they stood a good chance at being successful in arresting the suspect who was committing these crimes. Based on their actions in this case, Lieutenant Michael McCarthy and Patrol Officer Douglas Dunwoody will be awarded a Letter of Commendation.

Patrol Officer Ryan Lee

On May 27th, 2014 Patrol Officer Ryan Lee responded to a home in Brookline to investigate a report of fraudulent use of a credit card. Upon arrival, Patrol Officer Lee met the victim who is disabled and confined to a wheelchair. The victim in this case provided Patrol Officer Lee with information on this case including the fact that more than \$900.00 was charged on his credit card without his authorization. Patrol Officer Lee began an investigation by identifying possible suspects and tracking the items purchased. Patrol Officer Lee conducted a thorough follow up investigation which resulted in probable cause that two former healthcare aides that were hired to care for the victim had stolen his credit card and unlawfully used it. Patrol Officer Lee continued his investigation by obtaining arrest warrants and arresting both suspects. During the interview process after the arrests, Patrol Officer Lee was able to obtain an admission from one of the suspects concerning his involvement in this case.

Patrol Officer Lee exemplified strong initiative throughout this investigation. This investigation was handled in a professional manner and resulted in a successful outcome. Based on his actions throughout this case, Patrol Officer Ryan Lee will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.

Patrol Officer Estifanos Zerai-Misgun

Patrol Officer Oscar Santos

Patrol Officer Brian Bridges

Patrol Officer Joshua Lemay

During the early morning hours of May 6, 2014, Patrol Officer Estifanos Zerai-Misgun was travelling westbound on Beacon Street in the area of Coolidge Corner when he observed a vehicle in front of him that was travelling at a speed above the posted speed limit. Patrol Officer Zerai-Misgun conducted a traffic stop of this vehicle in front of 1648 Beacon Street. Subsequently, Patrol Officer Zerai-Misgun identified both occupants of the vehicle and learned that the passenger had an outstanding arrest warrant for a domestic violence offense. Shortly thereafter, Patrol Officers Oscar Santos, Brian Bridges, Joshua Lemay and Massachusetts State Police Officer James DeAngelis arrived to assist. Officers on the scene also learned that this subject was a career criminal with multiple charges and convictions for firearm violations, assault with intent to kill, assault with intent to murder and other violent offenses. When Patrol Officer Zerai-Misgun ordered this subject to step out of the vehicle he initially refused. He eventually exited the vehicle on his own but refused to submit to an arrest. He began to resist the Officers attempts to place handcuffs on him and kept moving his hands to the front of his body. Officers grabbed his arms but he kept trying to get his hands and arms released from the officers grip. Eventually the subject was brought to the ground by the officers and handcuffed. During this struggle, the subject threatened the officers and yelled that he would rather die than go to jail. During a search of the subject's person, officers located a loaded 38 caliber firearm in his front pocket. During this potentially violent incident, all officers used sound defensive techniques, cooperation and a determination to take this subject safely into custody. Clearly, had this violent subject managed to get his hands free and obtain his firearm, the results could have been deadly. After the subject's arrest, it was also learned that he had served time in

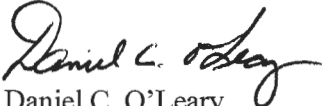


prison for a shooting incident in a Boston restaurant several years ago. Based on his extensive and violent history, the Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms and Explosives took the case in order to prosecute matters in Federal Court.

For their actions during this incident Patrol Officer Estifanos Zerai-Misgun will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a letter of Commendation. Patrol Officer Oscar Santos, Patrol Officer Brian Bridges and Patrol Officer Joshua Lemay will receive a Letter of Commendation. Furthermore a letter was sent to Colonel Timothy Alben of the Mass State Police on behalf of Trooper James DeAngelis.

The above represents the quality of work that is performed on a regular basis by our officers. It is my honor to acknowledge their efforts to make Brookline a safe community.

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