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Subject: Commendations for Excellent Police Work

Detective Keith Lacy

In November 2015, Detective Keith Lacy was contacted by a member of the State Police Drug Control Unit. This Trooper informed Detective Lacy that his unit was investigating a group of individuals who were involved in the unlawful distribution of large quantities of marijuana. One of the subjects involved in this investigation was a Brookline resident. Detective Lacy assisted by monitoring the activities of that individual both at his apartment as well as during his comings and goings. Detective Lacy used his contacts with the manager of the apartment complex where the subject resided in order to utilize both personal observations as well as the complex's video surveillance system.

Detective Lacy was able to develop credible information on the subject which was used by the Massachusetts State Police to develop probable cause to seek the arrest of several individuals as well as the issuance of search warrants for multiple locations, including the Brookline residence. As a result, this investigation culminated in the arrest of several individuals as well as the seizure of 98 pounds of marijuana, \$90,000 00 in US currency, two vehicles and other items used in the distribution of marijuana.

While serving the search warrant at the Brookline apartment, Detective Lacy discovered numerous items he believed to have been stolen from a Brookline Hotel. This discovery led to the identification of an employee at the hotel who had stolen these items and resulted in the recovery of approximately \$4,000.00 in stolen goods.



The actions of Detective Lacy in this case showed a high degree of initiative which enabled him to achieve excellent results. Based on his actions in this case, Detective Lacy will be awarded a Letter of Commendation.

Patrol Officer Kristin Healy

On January 24, 2016 at approximately 5:00pm Officer Healy was off duty in New York City. Officer Healy was at the Rare Bar and Grille Restaurant in the Selbourne Hotel. During this time it was very crowded in the restaurant due to the NFL Playoffs being televised. Officer Healy observed and heard a waitress yelling for help with a person choking. Officer Healy quickly proceeded across the restaurant to a male party who was grasping his throat in the universal sign for a person choking. Officer Healy quickly began performing the Heimlich maneuver and administered several abdominal thrusts causing the item to be dislodged from the male's airway. The male resumed normal breathing and a potentially fatal incident was avoided due to Officer Healy's quick reaction and effective first aid.

The above described actions taken by Patrol Officer Healy represent her professionalism and dedication to duty. By choosing to get involved while off duty and out of state, she may very well have saved a life. Because of this, Patrol Officer Kristen Healy will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.

Lieutenant Thomas Ward
Patrol Officer Brian Gallagher
Patrol Officer Brian Sheehy
Patrol Officer Kristin Healy
Patrol Officer Boris Vragovic

On January 27, 2016 at approximately 11:49am, numerous calls were received at our Dispatch Center reporting that two males were lying on the street in front of St. Mary School. At the same time, a call was received reporting a disturbance at 198 St. Paul Street. Officers responded to these two locations and quickly determined that one of the men on Harvard Street was suffering from stab wounds while the other had both stab and gunshot wounds. Other Officers who responded to 198 St. Paul Street found a subject who was shot multiple times in his leg area. Subsequent investigation revealed that these scenes were related to the same crime- an armed home invasion of an apartment at 198 St. Paul Street.

Initial responders to 198 St. Paul Street included Patrol Officer Brian Sheehy, Boris Vragovic, Kristen Healy and Brian Gallagher. These Officers quickly made entry into the victim's apartment and secured the scene. They located the victim who had suffered multiple gunshot wounds to his leg. When Officers assessed his wounds, Patrol Officer Vragovic determined that it was necessary to apply a tourniquet to his leg. Patrol Officer Healy and Patrol Officer Sheehy applied the tourniquet while Patrol Officer Vragovic applied trauma dressings and pressure to his wounds.



Later, medical personnel informed our Department that by treating the victim in the manner they did these officers very likely saved the man's life.

Lieutenant Thomas Ward was the lead investigator into these crimes. Subsequently, three subjects, including the two injured persons on Harvard Street, were arrested and charged with multiple crimes. They have been indicted by Norfolk County Grand Jury and are being held in custody pending trial.

It is important to note that the response to these crimes and their subsequent follow up is representative of the quality work our Officers perform on a daily basis. Many Officers, who were not working the day shift, responded and participated in securing both crime scenes and two separate hospital locations. They also actively participated in searching for other suspects involved and the eventual search and recovery of the motor vehicle used. The efforts of the officers mentioned above exemplify the work done by many in ensuring the safety of our community. For their lifesaving actions that day, Patrol Officer Brian Sheehy, Patrol Officer Kristen Healy and Patrol Officer Boris Vragovic will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation. Furthermore, Lieutenant Thomas Ward and Patrol officer Brian Gallagher will receive a Letter of Commendation.

Patrol Officer William McCue

During the month of January, 2016 the Town experienced a high number of homes being broken into and/or attempts to break-in. During the investigations into these crimes, we believed at least seven crimes were attributed to one suspect. This suspect was identified as a person who was arrested previously by this Department for similar types of crimes. His information and a current photograph were distributed to all of our personnel. On January 27, 2016 a resident reported a suspicious person had rung her doorbell and was later observed walking into the driveway towards the backyard of the home. When confronted, the suspect said he was lost and the resident gave him directions to Rte. 9. Upon leaving the driveway, the suspect travelled in the opposite direction. Based on this, the resident called the Police to report this activity. Numerous Officers responded and very quickly Patrol Officer William McCue observed a subject matching the description riding on a bike at the intersection of Walnut Street and Cypress Street. When the subject noticed the cruiser approaching, he began to flee down Walnut Street toward High Street. The subject failed to stop for the marked cruiser with activated emergency lights. The subject then crossed High Street where he dismounted the bike and continued on foot onto Washington Street.

Patrol Officer McCue was able to corner the subject in front of 44 Washington Street. As Officer McCue exited his cruiser and ordered the subject to stop the subject reversed direction and began running into the traffic across Washington Street in an attempt to elude capture. Officer McCue was able to grab the subject by the back of the shirt and the subject tried to get away from Officer McCue's grasp. Officer McCue then wrestled the subject to the ground. Based on the above information the



subject was then placed under arrest by Officer McCue. This subject was the same person as the one we had previously identified as a suspect. He was charged with breaking and entering.

This case exemplified a true team effort in stopping a career criminal from breaking into homes. In particular, the efforts of Patrol Officer McCue stand out in that he observed the subject fitting the description of the suspect, chased him down by vehicle and later on foot, wrestled him to the pavement where he was able to place him in handcuffs and arrest him. Because of his efforts and determination, Patrol Officer William McCue will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.

Patrol Officer Duane Danforth Detective Yu Kajita

During the early part of 2016, we experienced an increase in reports of break-ins into homes in various parts of Town. Upon studying the patterns of these cases, members of our Department were able to link 18 separate break-ins to a group of unknown individuals. It was learned that members of this group varied their selection of homes to break into, used multiple vehicles registered under fake names and addresses and used multiple identities. Through an extensive amount of follow up work, Detective Yu Kajita was eventually able to identify one of the subjects involved in this crime spree. He provided a picture of this subject as well as the fact that he was wanted for multiple break-ins in surrounding towns.

On March 14, 2016, Patrol Officer Duane Danforth was patrolling on Coolidge Street at 6:50pm. He was in this area because he had knowledge of previous break-ins in the area and was looking for the subject identified above. While on Coolidge Street, Patrol Officer Danforth observed three subjects, all of whom appeared to be together but were spread apart while walking aimlessly with no apparent destination. While passing these subjects, Patrol Officer Danforth was able to identify one of the subjects as the person identified by Detective Kajita. Patrol Officer Danforth confirmed this by viewing the photo on his vehicle's laptop. When he circled the block and returned to Coolidge Street, Patrol Officer Danforth could not locate these individuals. He then remained in the area and quickly observed a vehicle occupied by these individuals pull out of a driveway and operate the wrong way on Coolidge Street. Patrol Officer Danforth then stopped this vehicle and observed the wanted subject sitting in the back seat. When he took this subject out of the vehicle, a crowbar was on the floor at the subject's feet. Subsequently, all three subjects were arrested for outstanding warrants as well as crimes committed that night on Coolidge Street.

These subjects have not yet been charged with all of the previous 18 break-ins. However, their method of operation, including the use of a crowbar to gain entry, and the fact that this crime spree stopped immediately upon their arrest, is indicative of their involvement. The investigation to link the suspects to these crimes is ongoing.

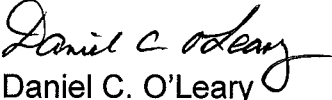


Officer Danforth, through the use of effective patrol tactics and his keen observation skills was able to expedite the arrest of three individuals who were intent on committing multiple crimes in Brookline. It is our belief that they would have continued their crime spree until they were apprehended.

Detective Kajita' s thoroughness and relentless pursuit of these suspects allowed him to be able to provide the lead which assisted Patrol Officer Danforth in developing his reasonable suspicion to conduct this stop. Because of this, Patrol Officer Danforth will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation. Detective Yu Kajita will be awarded a Letter of Commendation.

The above cases represent 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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Chief of Police

