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Subject: Commendations for Excellent Police Work

Patrol Officer Kristin Healy
Patrol Officer Michelle Lawlor

On several occasions during June 2016, our Walk and Talk Unit responded to a Park Street address in response to disturbance complaints. On June 22nd Patrol Officer Kristin Healy responded and, as a result of her thorough investigation, was able to develop information which led her to believe that certain individuals were engaged in sexual activity for a fee while in an apartment on the premises. Furthermore, she was able to observe that the female occupant had a series of bruises on her body that were most likely from a relationship she was having with a male friend. This female admitted to Patrol Officer Healy that she was contemplating killing herself. Patrol Officer Healy was able to identify the male and learned he had a serious criminal history including offenses related to deriving support from a prostitute. Patrol Officer Michelle Lawlor actively participated in this investigation and was able to develop further information that led to the identity of others involved in prostitution and drug activity from this location.

Patrol Officers Healy and Lawlor, along with several other officers, participated in the follow-up investigation which revealed that the male subject was forcing the female above to have sex with numerous men in return for money. His activities amounted to the crime of Human Trafficking.



An arrest warrant was obtained and officers arrested this man who was a career criminal with more than 130 criminal offenses on his record. He was subsequently charged with Domestic Assault and Battery, Human Trafficking and Deriving support from a prostitute.

This was a complex case involving a number of officers. Working together, these officers built a solid case against a male individual who physically and emotionally battered a woman and forced her into having sex in exchange for money. Patrol Officer Healy and Patrol Officer Lawlor were able to develop enough information to develop this solid criminal case against the male perpetrator. Because of their actions over the course of several weeks, a woman was rescued from a very dangerous situation. Patrol Officer Kristin Healy and Patrol Officer Michelle Lawlor will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.

Detective David Wagner

On August 12, 2016 Detective David Wagner was assigned to conduct surveillance in areas of recent house breaks. At about 1:20pm he was conducting unmarked patrol in the area of Griggs Road and Griggs Terrace, when he established surveillance of two male subjects acting suspiciously.

Detective Wagner observed one of the male subjects walking down the driveway of a house on Griggs Road. Moments later he observed the second male subject leave Griggs Park and walk down the driveway of the same home. Detective Wagner positioned his vehicle at the intersection of Washington Street at Griggs Road in order to continue surveillance of the rear of the address that led to Washington St.

Approximately three minutes later Detective Wagner observed one of the male subjects come out from the front of a house on Washington Street and jump into a blue Honda Accord which then travelled north on Washington Street. Detective Wagner continued to follow the vehicle at a safe distance and observed the vehicle make two turns without using a turn signal. The vehicle eventually stopped on Hancock Road. It appeared the operator did not know where he was. The operator then reversed his vehicle's direction at which time Detective Wagner was able to safely conduct a motor vehicle stop.

Moments later, a 911 call was received at our dispatch center reporting a breaking and entering on the second floor of the home these individuals were seen at. Furthermore, the home was occupied and the residents stated that the suspects fled from the home towards Washington Street upon hearing them yell.



Detective Wagner engaged the subject he had stopped in conversation. This subject gave a story as to why he was in Brookline. Detective Wagner was able to contact this subject's "alibi witness" who denied knowing anything about the story the subject told Detective Wagner. The subject was then placed under arrest for the break-in.

Because of Detective David Wagner's keen sense of observation and his quick actions, a serious crime was interrupted and the culprit arrested. Therefore Detective David Wagner will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.

Patrol Officer Sean Williams

On August 11, 2016 a call was received reporting that an 88 year old woman had been the victim of an assault and robbery. The suspect was identified as her adult son who had a criminal history as well as mental health problems. Patrol Officer Sean Williams responded along with other officers. Patrol Officer Williams was able to determine that the victim's son had wrongly accused her of taking a piece of property belonging to him. The son then placed her in fear and she suddenly found herself on the floor with the son standing over her while pouring water on her. As this was going on, the victim attempted to activate her lifeline device which was around her neck. As she attempted this, her son snatched her lifeline device from her. The son then fled the apartment.

After determining what occurred, Patrol Officer Williams spoke to the victim and brought her to court in order to seek a restraining order against her son. It was also determined that there was probable cause to arrest the son for crimes committed against the victim. After the restraining order was issued, Patrol Officer Williams brought the victim back to her home. He was accompanied by two other officers. When they entered the building, they were informed the son had fled from the scene when they pulled up in their cruisers. These officers quickly located the son and a foot pursuit took place. Officers were able to stop him on Longwood Avenue and place the son under arrest.

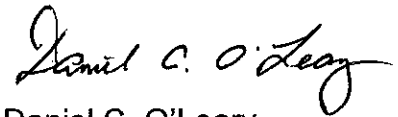
Patrol Officer Williams's supervisor was able to observe how this investigation was handled and he wrote "throughout this incident, I noticed Patrol Officer Williams's demeanor with the victim and observed his kindness, gentleness and patience as he assisted her".



There is no doubt that Patrol Officer Williams handled this case in a manner that allowed the victim to feel better about herself and the circumstances she found herself in. Based on his efforts in this case, Patrol Officer Williams will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as 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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