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# BROOKLINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Personnel Order 2017-33

Subject: Commendations for Excellent Police Work

### **Patrol Officer Raymond Richards**

Over the past several months Patrol Officer Raymond Richards has worked extensively to ensure that a Brookline resident, who is also a U.S. military Veteran, obtained the help he needed. In late 2016 into 2017 a large number of calls began to accumulate that dealt with or were the result of this veteran being in crisis. Officer Richards recognized this to be an escalating problem that appeared to be getting worse. Officer Richards utilized his contacts, The Brookline Police Veteran Crisis Intervention Team, and his interpersonal skills to build trust with this individual. He did this first by reaching out to the person in a non-emergency context and began to foster a relationship of mutual understanding. Officer Richards worked to identify and resolve the main issues that were causing many of the calls for service. Also a major issue for this veteran was transportation to and from his required court appearances. Officer Richards, through the Veteran's Court, was able to coordinate the transfer of this person's case to a Veteran's Court which was more conducive to public transportation. Another major issue was that of substance abuse. Officer Richards was able to work with the Veterans Administration to get this Veteran into a substance abuse program. As a result, this veteran received the much needed intensive treatment and care through the Veterans Administration. Officer Richards worked to ensure this fellow veteran and resident of Brookline was receiving the care he deserved.



Officer Richards's efforts took place both on and off duty to assist this Veteran and reduce the risk he posed to others. Officer Richards continues to track this veteran and we have not received any more calls for service concerning him.

It is clear that without Patrol Officer Richards's involvement with this veteran, the outcome of this person's case could have been tragic. This case also represents only one of several Veterans Patrol Officer Richards' is involved within an effort to provide the necessary and well deserved care for our Veterans who may be struggling. Because of this, Patrol Officer Raymond Richards will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.

**Sergeant Andrew Amendola**  
**Patrol Officer Richard Regan**  
**Patrol Officer Joseph Amendola**  
**Patrol Officer Rafaela Carlisle-Swedberg**  
**Patrol Officer David Pilgrim**  
**Detective Patrick Mahoney**

On January 4, 2017 at about 1:30pm our Dispatch Center received a call from a reporting party who stated his wife's purse was stolen out of his doctor's office located at 209 Harvard Street. The caller provided a description of a suspect and this information was broadcasted to responding units. Patrol Officers Joseph Amendola and Patrol Officer David Pilgrim arrived on scene and were able to obtain a very detailed account of the crime and the suspect.

Patrol Officer Richard Regan, who was in the area, informed responding units that he observed a woman fitting the description given enter a gray Toyota Highlander. Patrol Officer Rafaela Carlisle-Swedberg and Sergeant Andrew Amendola spotted the vehicle and a traffic stop was initiated. While the vehicle was stopped officers observed a blue purse sticking out of a larger brown hand bag in the back seat which matched the description of the stolen purse. Officers requested consent to search the vehicle and located the stolen items and an ID in the name of the victim.

A show up was conducted and the victim positively identified the subject stopped as having stolen the purse. After being taken into custody, additional property was found on her person. Based upon an interview with Detective Patrick Mahoney and follow up on the additional items found, it was determined that the arrested party had falsely identified herself at booking and also had previously committed a larceny at 209 Harvard Street. She was subsequently charged with these additional offences.



Sergeant Andrew Amendola, Patrol Officer Richard Regan, Patrol Officer Rafaela Carlisle-Swedberg, Patrol Officer Joseph Amendola, Patrol Officer David Pilgrim and Detective Patrick Mahoney will all be awarded a Letter of Commendation as their actions that day exhibited excellent police work, quick response, vigilance, and most importantly team work. Their exhibition of team work was to the highest extent in corroborating the information and facts of the case in this investigation leading to the arrest of this suspect and multiple other charges for a series of crime committed in Brookline as well as Boston. Each Officers input was crucial in tying all the crimes together. There is no question that their actions prevented a further crime spree in that particular area and office building in Brookline.

**Patrol Officer Brendan Morgan**  
**Patrol Officer Steven Weinstein**

On February 22, 2017 a resident of Brookline came into the front lobby of the station and reported that he had been followed by a person in another vehicle for approximately four miles. This man was followed to the Brookline Police Station and was currently parked outside. Patrol Officer Steven Weinstein, who was assigned to the front desk, went outside to investigate and immediately broadcast a description of the vehicle leaving from the Police Station. Patrol Officer Brendan Morgan heard the broadcast and determined that the vehicle was registered out of a Boston address. Recognizing the most likely course of travel from the station to the address in Boston, Patrol Officer Morgan was able to locate the vehicle and make a traffic stop to determine what had occurred. Upon speaking with the operator, Patrol Officer Morgan determined that a crime had been committed. He also felt that he was not being told the complete set of facts. Furthermore, Officer Morgan believed that the documents provided for identification did not appear to be legitimate and realized when speaking with the operator that there were a number of inconsistencies in his story. After bringing this subject to the station, Patrol Officer Morgan was able to locate his true identity and confirm that the subject was lying. As a result of this investigation felony warrants out of California requesting the subject's rendition back were located. The warrants included charges of kidnapping, threats, assaults, and other violent felonies.



Once Patrol Officer Weinstein learned of this suspicious activity, he acted quickly and provided our officers with important information that established the basis for Patrol Officer Morgan's stop. The actions that were taken that night allowed us to remove a dangerous felon from this area and return him to California where he will be prosecuted for violent crimes he committed there. Based on the actions that evening, Patrol Officer Brendan Morgan will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation. Patrol Officer Steven Weinstein will be awarded a Letter of Commendation.

**Patrol Officer Robert Teahan**  
**Patrol Officer Brian Sheehy**  
**Patrol Officer Ryan Lee**

On March 1, 2017 at about 9:20am a call was received from a home on Winchester Street reporting a live break-in. The caller stated she had fled her home through the rear door while a subject broke-in through her front door.

Patrol Officers Robert Teahan, Brain Sheehy and Ryan Lee were the first officers to arrive on scene. Patrol Officer Teahan went to the front of the house while Patrol Officer Sheehy went to the rear of the house. Patrol Officer Teahan found the glass to the front door broken, glass on the inside of the home and the door open. After updating responding officers, he entered the house and observed a male subject emerging from a bedroom holding a duffel bag in his hand. At this time, he identified himself and ordered the suspect not to move. The suspect began to run and Patrol Officer Teahan gave chase. The suspect ran towards a dining room window, dropped the duffel bag and threw himself head first through the dining room window, falling approximately ten feet to the ground.

The suspect got up and began to run towards the rear of the house. At this time, Patrol Officer Sheehy grabbed the suspect and forced him back down to the ground. The suspect resisted Patrol Officer Sheehy's attempts to take him onto custody, but with the assistance of Patrol Officer Teahan and Patrol Officer Lee the suspect was quickly placed under arrest.

The suspect, who has a lengthy criminal history, was charged with Aggravated Breaking & Entering in the Daytime, Larceny by Stealing inside a Building, Vandalism to Property and Resisting Arrest. Furthermore, he is a suspect in other break-ins in surrounding communities.



The actions of these officers solved a serious crime that was ongoing, prevented possible injury to the resident and undoubtedly prevented the suspect from committing additional crimes in Brookline. Therefore, Patrol Officer Robert Teahan, Patrol Officer Brian Sheehy and Patrol Officer Ryan Lee will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation for having demonstrated bravery, professionalism and a high degree of team work in the performance of their duties.

### **Patrol Officer Robert M. Collins**

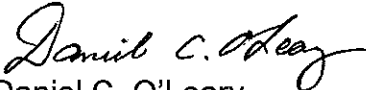
On March 28, 2017 at approximately 2:30am Patrol Officer Robert M. Collins was patrolling the area of the High School in an unmarked vehicle. Patrol Officer Collins was assigned to actively patrol the area based on recent break-ins in the Brookline Village area. During this time he observed a male subject discard a bike and walk behind a home on Tappan Street. After encountering the subject and conducting a brief investigation, which included an interview with the occupants of the home, Patrol Officer Collins was able to confirm that the bike was stolen. With the assistance of other officers, Patrol Officer Collins placed the subject under arrest. Subsequent to the arrest, a search was conducted of the arrestee's person. The search uncovered several watches officers believed were taken from a break-in the previous evening of a business in Brookline Village. Later that morning, the watches were identified as having been taken during the break-in of the Brookline Village store.

Patrol Officer Collins was proactive in his assignment and was aware of the areas recent criminal activity in the area. Officer Collins displayed the ability to identify suspicious activity that was occurring and conducted a thorough investigation which ultimately led to the arrest of a known career criminal who has been actively committing crimes in Brookline.

For his actions on March 28, 2017, Patrol Officer Robert M. Collins 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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