



BROOKLINE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Brookline, Massachusetts

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**Lieutenant Michael Raskin
Sergeant Charles Thornton
Patrol Officer Joseph Amendola
Patrol Officer Donal Kerrigan
Patrol Officer David Cheung
Patrol Officer Joseph King**

On December 4, 2017 units responded to a Breaking & Entering in progress at 29 Chestnut Place. While units were responding, dispatch broadcasted a description of the subject. Lt. Raskin arrived on scene and took information from the reporting party. Lt. Raskin broadcasted that the suspect should be carrying her husband's laptop.

Patrol Officer Joseph Amendola also responded to the area and took initiative on asking witness's what they had seen. Witness's relayed that they saw someone fitting the suspect's description trying to access 35 Chestnut Place as well. The witness's also said the suspect went in the woods behind 29 Chestnut Place. Patrol Officer Joseph Amendola relayed this information to surrounding units.

Proactively hearing the call and responding to the area and using Officer Amendola's and Lt. Raskin's information that was broadcasted, Patrol Officer Donal Kerrigan took initiative and began searching the area. After searching he located an



individual fitting the suspect's description. Patrol Officer Kerrigan began to call out to the suspect who was ignoring his initial commands. Patrol Officer Kerrigan was then joined by Sergeant Charles Thornton and Patrol Officer David Cheung and the suspect was stopped.

Patrol Officer Joseph King worked with the witness to discuss what had been stolen. After retaining the information, the above Officers collectively conducted a show up ID. A second show up was conducted as well, both confirming positive ID. The suspect was arrested and had 20 entries on his BOP for firearms and property crimes. Their exhibition of teamwork was to the highest extent in corroborating the information and facts of this case. There is no question that their actions that day prevented a further crime spree in that particular area of Brookline.

Based on their actions, Lieutenant Michael Raskin, Sergeant Charles Thornton, Patrol Officer Joseph Amendola, Patrol Officer David Cheung and Patrol Officer Joseph King will all be awarded a Letter of Commendation. Patrol Officer Donal Kerrigan will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation

Patrol Officer Timothy Stephenson
Detective Julie McDonnell
Patrol Officer Lauren O'Connor

On January 10, 2018 a woman came to the front desk reporting that her 16 year old son left the house earlier in the day and has yet to return, the woman was worried because her son suffers from mental issues and could cause harm to himself.

Detective Julie McDonnell had the case and was assisted by Patrol Officer Timothy Stephenson and Patrol Officer Lauren O'Connor since the family lives in Brookline Housing. Upon getting the pertinent information a description of the child was given to Brookline units as well as over BAPERN to surrounding agencies. A short time later dispatch received a call from MIT police department about an individual that had jumped from the BU Bridge earlier in the day and was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital.

Patrol Officer Stephenson then went to the hospital and was informed that the person had passed away. He was then able to view the body and identify the individual as this child. After identifying the body he returned to the station and spoke to Detective McDonnell and Patrol Officer O'Connor about how to best notify the family. There were several complications. The parents were divorced, there were siblings involved, and the parents still had to go to the hospital to legally identify the child before he was picked up by the medical examiner's office.

After a lengthy discussion they came up with a plan of getting the parents into the station at the same time without the other kids. Once that was accomplished they informed the parents of the bad news. The parents were obviously devastated. All



three officers gave the parents comfort and time to take in the news but at the same time got them to understand that they needed to go to the hospital to identify the body.

After giving the parent's time to grieve and get themselves together the officers transported the parents to the hospital. They were also able to arrange for a social worker to meet them at the hospital on their arrival to provide additional support to the parents. After identifying the body the parents were transported back to Brookline. Due to their grief they were unable to tell their other children that their brother had died and asked the officers to communicate this to the children.

Patrol Officer Timothy Stephenson, Detective Julie McDonnell and Patrol Officer Lauren O'Connor displayed the kind of excellence, sensitivity and compassion that we try to display on a daily basis in this Department. Because of their actions that day, Patrol Officer Stephenson, Detective McDonnell and Patrol Officer O'Connor will be awarded both a Letter and a Certificate of Commendation.

Patrol Officer Cheryl Molloy

On January 16, 2018 a senior citizen received what he thought to be a legitimate phone call from a company he dealt with about a year ago. This was unfortunately a telephone/computer scam.

Patrol Officer Cheryl Molloy took the call and went over to the victim's apartment. After listening and getting the facts of the story Patrol Officer Molloy was reassuring, comforting and understanding. Patrol Officer Molloy was supportive and explained how the victim was actually "lucky" only having lost \$1200 when countless victims in all walks of life have been taken for much more.

Patrol Officer Molloy was able to adjust her schedule and take the victim to the bank to open a new checking account, take her home and was there for an expected telephone call at 11:00 am from the scammers. Patrol Officer Malloy took the call spoke to the scammer who immediately hung up. Also, while at the house Patrol Officer Molloy made sure that IDs and passwords were changed that were used with the victim's computer.

Later that evening, Patrol Officer Molloy called the victim and gave her direct telephone number where she could be reached in the event that the victim ever needed help again.

Based on her actions that day and her genuine concern and compassion for the victim, as well as her going above and beyond to make the victim feel safe Patrol Officer Cheryl Molloy will be awarded a Letter of Commendation.



Patrol Officer Brian Bridges

On January 16, 2018 Patrol Officer Brian Bridges responded to the area of Bonad Road in order to assist Weston Police with the search of a missing 13 year old. The teenager had been in an argument with his parents the night prior in Weston, MA and had not been seen since. An area wide broadcast was given from Weston Police along with information that the family had formerly resided on Bonad Road. Officer Bridges had checked the Bonad Road area but continued his search of the surrounding businesses and areas. This diligence led to Patrol Officer Bridges locating the teenager at 959 West Roxbury Pkwy., the Putterham Library. In the subsequent investigation we learned that the teenager walked all the way from Weston in freezing cold conditions. Patrol Officer Bridges then coordinated with Weston Police and family to reunite them. Patrol Officer Bridges went beyond his normal patrol duties and diligently searched for the missing teen ultimately resulting in his safe reunification with his family. Because of his persistence special attention to this matter and reuniting a young boy safely with his family Patrol Officer Bridges will receive a Letter of Commendation.

Patrol Officer Kristin Healy

On January 16, 2018 Patrol Officer Healy responded to the U-Haul rental business on Boylston Street for a report of a vehicle that had not been returned. Patrol Officer Healy gathered the relevant information and began investigating the vehicle which was a month overdue. The extensive investigation that Patrol Officer Healy began led to the discovery that the vehicle had been queried by the Massachusetts State Police recently. Patrol Officer Healy contacted the MSP and spoke with the trooper discovering that a traffic stop had been made and the driver was not the same person who supposedly rented the vehicle. In the coming days Patrol Officer Healy continued her investigation learning the vehicle had been recovered in Glastonbury, CT but also learning that the identity used to rent the vehicle had been stolen from a victim in New Jersey. In speaking with investigators in Connecticut, the victim in New Jersey, the employees at U-Haul in Brookline, the Mass State Police, and additional investigative research Patrol Officer Healy developed probable cause on a particular suspect and has been able to seek court action for Larceny of a motor vehicle, Identity Fraud, and other crimes. In this case Patrol Officer Healy went beyond her normal patrol duties to identify a suspect and develop a case against him. For these reasons Patrol Officer Healy will receive a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.



E911 Dispatcher April Miller

On January 19th 2018 E911 Dispatcher April Miller was assigned as the Trainee on the 2nd Platoon. A call was received for a report of a live birth in progress. Dispatcher Miller was also assigned to the Fire Dispatch position and ensures that the call was promptly dispatched to Police, Fire and EMS. Dispatcher Miller maintained a very calm demeanor despite the frantic situation on scene and was able to assist until responders arrived.

Officers that arrived on scene relayed that the baby was born with no complications and that the baby and parents were transported by Fire/EMS to the hospital.

In recognition for her actions that day and being able to stay calm in such a stressful situation E911 Dispatcher April Miller will be awarded a Letter of Commendation.

Patrol Officer Michelle Lawlor

On January 21, 2018 an email was sent out to all officers of a person of interest in recent package thefts in the area of Kent Street and Aspinwall Avenue. This individual is known to the department and resides in this area. On January 22, 2018 Patrol Officer Michelle Lawlor was on patrol in the area of 164 Kent Street. At this time, she observed a male walking on Kent Street towards Aspinwall Avenue pushing a large cardboard box inside a folding shopping cart. Due to the time and location, this appeared to be suspicious to Officer Lawlor. Officer Lawlor was able to get a closer look at this male and was able to confirm this male as the male that was in the email as a person of interest. After watching the male Patrol Officer Lawlor and Patrol Officer Danforth stopped this male and explained to him why he was being stopped. Patrol Officer then walked down the driveway and observed the box that this male had pushing. The box had been opened and the address labels ripped off.

Patrol Officer Lawlor then saw another box that had been opened and a sales receipt with a Francis Street addresses and remembered that a report was taken out of that address a few days earlier. A follow up by the detective division confirmed this package was stolen a few days earlier. Patrol officer Lawlor then discovered a knife on this subject. This knife appeared to be used for cutting open the boxes. Officer Lawlor took both boxes and the knife and submitted them to evidence.

For her actions that night Officer Lawlor without a doubt helped with the package thefts in this area. Patrol Officer Michelle Lawlor will all receive a Certificate of Commendation and a Letter of Commendation.



**Patrol Officer Armard Forbes
Patrol Officer Megan Keaveney
Christopher Crapo**

On January 20th 2018 a resident of Newell Road reported a suspicious male wearing all dark clothing entered her property through the rear of a nearby house on Newell Road. They saw the suspect descend down the rear stairs and try to gain access into the house. This resident then banged on her window to try to scare off the suspect; she succeeded and the suspect fled from the residence down the driveway and crossed the street in the direction of the Lawrence School.

Patrol Officer Armard Forbes soon arrived and went to the caller, Patrol Officer Christopher Crapo and Patrol Officer Megan Keaveney began to canvass the area. Due to the fresh snow on the ground and lack of foot traffic Patrol Officer Forbes and Patrol Officer Keaveney were able to track the suspect's foot prints. It looked like the suspect was looking for a way to gain access in the rear of these properties, before being spotted by the caller.

Patrol Officer Forbes and Patrol Officer Keaveney followed the footprints in the snow through Lawrence School playground toward Kent Street to Francis Street and into the rear of Kent Street. The suspect climbed a fence into the rear of Kent Square then climbed another fence into Parson's Field and attempted to hide in the bleachers. The suspect took notice of the officers and began to run with the officers giving chase eventually onto the Muddy River path where Patrol Officer Crapo ordered the suspect to stop and placed the suspect into handcuffs. The suspect was arrested for attempted B&E with Intent to Commit a Felony, Trespassing after Notice and Disorderly Conduct.

Patrol Officers Forbes, Keaveney and Crapo all displayed excellent observation and policing skills in noticing the suspect's foot prints in the snow and following him until he was located. Their patience and determination led to the apprehension of a suspect with a criminal history of B&E in the nighttime. Patrol Officer Forbes, Patrol Officer Keaveney and Patrol Officer Crapo will all be awarded a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.

Patrol Officer Duane Danforth

On February 12, 2018 Patrol Officer Duane Danforth Boston Police Department radio while assigned to sector three when he heard Boston Dispatch give out a call for a male masturbating while looking into a window near Officer Danforth's location. The suspect was described as a black male wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black pants and white shoes. The caller gave the direction he was headed when he left the window. Given the close proximity to the border of Brookline Officer Danforth made his way to assist Boston Police in locating the individual. He then informed dispatch of his location and asked them to notify Boston. Patrol Officer Danforth then noticed the suspect and stopped him and informed him the reason for the stop. At



this time Boston arrived on scene. The suspect was recognized by the Boston Officers from previous encounters of open and gross incidents. The suspect was placed under arrest after a positive identification by the caller.

The suspect has a lengthy criminal history including six prior open and gross charges, multiple assault and battery, breaking and entering and most recently possession with intent to distribute class B.

Because of Patrol Officer Duane Danforth's attention that night undoubtedly helped Boston Police get a suspect with a lengthy record off the street. Patrol Officer Danforth will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.

Patrol Officer Michael Miczek
Patrol Officer Christopher Elcock

On February 14, 2018 Patrol Officer Michael Miczek was patrolling the Beacon Street area when he noticed a male subject who is well known to the Department and had multiple outstanding warrants and was the subject of a recent Brookline Police Department email. At this time Officer Miczek called Patrol Officer Elcock for backup. The officers stopped the subject and began a threshold inquiry. The subject gave an incorrect date of birth and name. After confirmation that the subject was who they suspected he was placed under arrest. When searched the suspect had property belonging most likely from car breaks that evening. Patrol Officer Michael Miczek and Patrol Officer Christopher Elcock showed excellent awareness and determination in both recognizing and confirming the identity of a criminal that was wanted for multiple B&E's in both Brookline and Boston. Also they showed good police procedure by studying recent department bulletins regarding wanted subjects. By following their instincts and training they removed a felon from the street and most likely prevented further crimes that day. Patrol Officer Michael Miczek will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation. Patrol Officer Christopher Elcock will be awarded a letter of Commendation.

Detective David Wagner
Patrol Officer Kevin Fallon

On Monday, March 12, 2018 Detective David Wagner was doing a private detail at Trader Joe's when he was asked by a woman with a child if he could call them a taxi. Detective Wagner was assisted by Patrol Officer Kevin Fallon and the woman and child were given a ride home. The woman and her son were in town from New Orleans, unfortunately the 11 year boy has a heart defect he was born in Boston and has had three open heart surgeries and five cardiac cauterizations at Boston Children's Hospital.



When the woman asked Detective Wagner to get her a cab he called for a police car to bring them to the Patient Family housing. The following day when the boy was in surgery Detective Wagner sent a care package and Patrol Officer Fallon had called to check in as well.

When the boy was released from the hospital the officers returned to the family housing; picked up the boy and his mother and brought them to police station for a tour. The boy was so sick but he really wanted to play in the snow since he has never seen it, Detective Wagner and Patrol Officer Fallon made some snow balls for him to throw.

Detective Wagner and Patrol Officer Fallon went above and beyond for this family. This is the kind of excellence and dedication that the Brookline Police Department shows to its residents and individuals just visiting this town on as daily basis. Their actions made everyone involved very happy and once this story made the local news and made anyone who saw it smile with the act of selfless kindness that the officers showed. Detective David Wagner and Patrol Officer Kevin Fallon will both receive a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.

Patrol Officer Michael Keaveney

In mid-March 2018 Patrol Officer Michael Keaveney was conducting traffic enforcement on Independence Avenue when he was approached by and a man and they struck up a conversation. He explained that his family was renting on Independence Drive while his daughter was receiving cancer treatments at Dana Farber Hospital. After learning that the young girl loves police officers and that she was getting her last treatment on March 20, 2018. Officer Michael Keaveney after contacting his supervisors gave the family an escorted ride home along with several units.

Patrol Officer Michael Keaveney showed the kindness and thoughtfulness that made a sick child extremely happy after a long road of strenuous and exhausting treatments. This act of kindness is what makes the Brookline Police Depart such a great one. Patrol Officer Michael Keaveney will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.

Patrol Officer Kevin Sullivan

For the past several years Patrol Officer Kevin Sullivan has been assigned to the Traffic Division. During this time, he has responded to calls for service and investigated several serious car crashes requiring reconstruction and analysis. His reports have been thorough, complete and submitted in a timely manner.

While assigned to Traffic, Patrol Officer Sullivan has also volunteered his time to the young skaters of the Brookline Youth Hockey Program. Over the past few years, Patrol Officer Sullivan has worked with hundreds of Brookline kids, teaching them



how to skate and how to play the game of hockey. He spends several evenings each week at the Jack Kirrane Skating Rink bestowing his words of hockey wisdom to any young skater who will listen. He works closely with the kids and their parents to form a cooperative, fun filled learning experience. In the summertime, Officer Sullivan coordinates a Brookline Youth Hockey street hockey tournament at Warren Field. This has been a huge success in the past due largely to Officers Sullivan's commitment and leadership to help the young Brookline hockey players.

It's quite evident that these kids look up to Patrol Officer Sullivan as a coach, mentor, and Police Officer. For his work in the Traffic Division along with his dedication to the children of the Brookline Youth Hockey Program, Patrol Officer Kevin Sullivan 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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