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BROOKLINE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Brookline, Massachusetts

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Personnel Order 2015-35

Subject: Commendations

Patrol Officer Raymond Richards
Detective Andrew Amendola

On January 9, 2015 at approximately 7:00PM Patrol Officer Raymond Richards and Detective Andrew Amendola were monitoring traffic in the area of Chestnut and High Streets. While there they observed a vehicle fail to stop at the stop sign located at this intersection. These officers stopped the motor vehicle and approached the vehicle on foot. Upon approaching the vehicle they observed the operator to be bending down and reaching between the seat and the door. Upon speaking with the occupants, these officers learned that one of the occupants had a lengthy and violent criminal history. Upon returning to their cruiser, the officers ran a criminal history check on the occupants and learned that the subject who admitted having a criminal record, in fact, had three prior arrests for unlawful possession of a firearm. These officers kept the occupants under surveillance and observed them to be moving constantly while inside the vehicle. Based on their observations and knowledge of one of the subject's extensive record, these officers ordered the subject's out of the vehicle for safety purposes. While this was going on, the officers were able to observe drugs inside the vehicle. After the occupants were safely removed, a search of the vehicle revealed quantities of marijuana, cocaine, a scale, and plastic bags and over \$1300.00 in cash. All of the subjects were arrested and subsequently indicted by the Norfolk County Grand Jury for various offenses.

This case is based on these officers taking the initiative to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation, make inquiries and observations of the occupants and be patient enough to eventually develop probable cause to make an arrest. Because of their actions that night, both Patrol Officer Raymond Richards and Detective Andrew Amendola will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.



Patrol Officer Brian Sheehy

On Friday January 30, 2015 at 2PM, a call was given out for an unconscious male inside a home on High Street. Patrol Officer Brian Sheehy responded immediately and observed the male laying face up on the sofa. Upon checking for a pulse and breath, Patrol Officer Sheehy determined that he was not breathing. At that point, he moved the male to the floor removed the male's shirt and began to perform CPR. After several CPR cycles, Patrol Officer Sheehy attached the AED to the male. At that point, Fire and Fallon arrived and took over. This male was transferred to the hospital, with a pulse, and survived.

Patrol Officer Brian Sheehy's quick response and lifesaving efforts truly went a long way in ensuring this male survived. For his efforts, Patrol Officer Brian Sheehy will be awarded a Letter of Commendation.

Patrol Officer Michelle Lawlor

On January 31, 2015 at approximately 8PM, Patrol Officer Michelle Lawlor was in the area of Holden and Pierce Streets when she observed a male subject standing in front of the Health Building. This subject was carrying a plastic bag. When Patrol Officer Lawlor slowed her vehicle down to get a closer look at the subject, this subject quickly darted across Pierce Street and entered the Town Hall parking lot. Patrol Officer Lawlor then drove into the lot and the subject reversed direction and began running away. Patrol Officer Lawlor pursued this subject on foot and was able to catch up to him in front of 312 Washington Street. Backup officers quickly arrived and one of the officers recognized this subject as a missing person from Randolph who had multiple warrant's in effect for his arrest. Upon confirming this with dispatch, Patrol Officer Lawlor placed the subject under arrest for seven outstanding arrest warrants from various courts.

This case is an excellent example of pro- active policing on the part of Patrol Officer Michelle Lawlor. Patrol Officer Lawlor took the initiative to attempt a stop of a subject whose actions raised her suspicion and eventually allowed her to take this subject into custody. By doing so, she very likely prevented a crime from being committed in our Town. Based on her actions that night, Patrol Officer Michelle Lawlor will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.



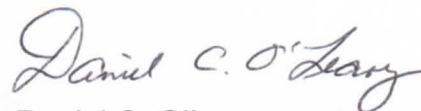
**Patrol Officer Sean Russell
Patrol Officer Robert M. Collins**

On February 26, 2015 at approximately 4:00AM a resident of Shaw Road reported that he saw two unknown subjects in a neighbor's driveway looking into a parked vehicle. Patrol Officers Sean Russell and Robert M. Collins responded immediately to the area. Upon arrival, Patrol Officer Russell observed a vehicle with its interior lights on and both the glove compartment and console appeared to have been rummaged through. Patrol Officer Russell gave this information out over the radio. When Patrol Officer Collins drove onto Shaw Road he observed two subjects walking down the street. Upon seeing the cruiser both subjects split up in an effort to flee but were eventually stopped by Patrol Officer Collins. As officers were speaking with the two stopped individuals, several other residents of the area came out and reported their cars had been broken into as well. Eventually, property from these vehicles was located on the subjects leading to these individuals being charged with breaking into and stealing from six vehicles. Both subjects had criminal records including larceny, receiving stolen property and burglary. Both subjects were arrested.

Because the resident of Shaw Road chose to call police when he observed suspicious activity, Patrol Officer Sean Russell and Robert M. Collins were able to quickly respond and locate the subjects before they fled the area. The property that was stolen was recovered and returned to their owners. Based on their quick actions, Patrol Officer Sean Russell and Patrol Officer Robert M. Collins 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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