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Detective Patrick Mahoney

On September 11, 2017 a call was received from a resident of Brookline requesting assistance. This resident informed us that he was new to the Town and while present at a church in Boston on September 10, 2017, an unknown person had stolen his backpack. The victim stated that his backpack contained a lot of property, including his Chilean passport. Earlier in the day of 9/11/17 this resident began receiving telephone calls from an unknown subject reporting that he had his backpack and was looking to sell it back to him for \$2,000.00. The victim was also informed that if police became involved he would never get his property back. On 9/12/17 Detective Patrick Mahoney was made aware of this situation. He immediately contacted the victim/resident and discussed setting up a sting. The victim agreed to this arrangement and met with Detective Mahoney. Detective Mahoney was present with the victim throughout the day and coached him on what to do and what to expect from us. Contact was made with the person wanting to sell back the property and a time and location was agreed upon. The victim was contacted several times during the day and told to change locations and times of the meet. This continued until about 4:30 in the afternoon when a meeting was set to take place in front of 2 Brookline Place. Prior to any meeting taking place a possible suspect was observed and put under surveillance. He did not have a backpack with him at the time. During this surveillance, the above mentioned suspect made a phone call to the victim and said his girlfriend was nearby and had the backpack. The suspect identified his girlfriend by name. When informed of her name, Detective Mahoney knew her from prior criminal involvement. Shortly thereafter, Detective



Mahoney observed the suspect meet up with the girlfriend and board a bus. The two subjects were stopped, questioned and arrested. They were also found to be in possession of the backpack and all of its contents.

This case is an example of the quality of work that is performed by Detective Mahoney on a regular basis. Both persons who were arrested had criminal records. Because of Detective Patrick Mahoney's skill in managing this investigation in such a way that led to the recovery of all of the stolen property, he will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.

Detective Sergeant Matthew McDonnell
Detective Patrick Mahoney

On September 24, 2017 the Tatte Bakery Café located on Beacon Street, was burglarized by a group of individuals responsible for at least eighteen burglaries of commercial establishments throughout eastern Massachusetts. This criminal organization was committing break in's at commercial establishments after the stores were closed. During these crimes, they would physically remove safes and cash boxes which resulted in losses of over \$200,000.00 in U.S. currency. Their crimes also caused significant physical damage to these buildings. On most occasions, this organized criminal enterprise was able to complete the entire task in less than three minutes, proving them to be a highly methodical and skilled operation. The group members all had extensive criminal histories.

Detective Sergeant Matthew McDonnell and Detective Patrick Mahoney initiated an investigation into the Tatte break in and over the course of a three month period, along with the Boston Police Detectives as well as Massachusetts's State Police Detectives were able to link numerous other break ins throughout eastern Massachusetts to the group of individuals who had committed the Brookline break in.

By joining forces and creating a taskforce, members of Boston Police, State Police and Brookline Police were able to utilize video and technological resources, their knowledge and skill to build a criminal case which allowed them to obtain multiple arrest warrants and search warrants from Suffolk Superior Court. Their efforts led to the arrest of the four individuals responsible for this organized crime spree.

Detective Sergeant Matthew McDonnell and Detective Patrick Mahoney used a wide variety of skill and expertise in order to assist in building a criminal case against these individuals who were committing break ins at commercial establishments in a number of communities. Just as important was their willingness to share information and join with Officers from other Departments in order to assist in the overall investigation. This is an example of their professionalism and dedication to duty. Based on their actions, Detective Sergeant Matthew McDonnell and Detective Patrick Mahoney will both be awarded a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.



Patrol Officer Gianne Maunsell

On October 18, 2017 at approximately 11:45AM, multiple police units were dispatched to Station Street for a report of an unresponsive male party in a car who was not breathing. Officer Gianne Maunsell was assigned to the Brookline Village walking route that morning and arrived immediately after receiving the call. Gianne Maunsell located the vehicle and observed the male sitting in the passenger seat. This man was not breathing and was blue in color. Officer Maunsell removed this adult male subject from the vehicle, and laid him on the hard surface of the roadway in order to provide quality chest compressions. Officer Maunsell was soon joined by other police, fire, and ambulance personnel, and after continuous CPR and several NARCAN doses, the subject was revived at the scene.

The subject that Officer Maunsell treated was suffering from an opioid overdose. Officer Maunsell was able to pull the unconscious male, who was of larger stature, out of the vehicle and place him on the roadway in order to perform effective CPR. By doing this Patrol Officer Maunsell saved this man's life. For her life saving efforts Patrol Officer Gianne Maunsell will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.

Detective Sergeant Matthew McDonnell

On October 19, 2017 several Officers, including Detective Sergeant Matthew McDonnell, responded to the Bank of America located on Boylston St on a report of an armed robbery. Investigation revealed that the bank was robbed by a lone female who had disguised herself and threatened the teller in order to obtain money. Detective Sergeant McDonnell oversaw the investigation into this crime. Evidence was gathered, including video from the bank and other locations in the area. This robbery took place during the same time period as neighboring communities were experiencing a series of bank robberies by an unknown male who was called the "128 Bandit". Detective Sergeant McDonnell, as part of his follow up, reviewed what was known about the "128 Bandit" and was able to identify a number of similarities. He learned that investigators believed the "128 Bandit" had a female accomplice. He also identified similar types of clothing that were worn during the robberies, including the Brookline bank robbery. A task force made up of officers from several communities was set up and Detective Sergeant McDonnell joined the group. This task force was able to assemble enough evidence to identify the subjects involved in these bank robberies and took both subjects into custody. Shortly after being arrested, both subjects agreed to be interviewed and admitted their involvement in more than eleven bank robberies, including the Bank of America in Brookline.

This case is an excellent example of the work Detective Sergeant McDonnell does in his role as a supervisor and investigator for our Department. He will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.



Patrol Officer Mario Serrano
Patrol Officer Jeffrey Hutnick

During the evening of October 24, 2017, a call was received from the Chestnut Hill CVS reporting that an unconscious male was inside a motor vehicle parked next to their building. Patrol Officers Mario Serrano and Jeffrey Hutnick were dispatched to the location and quickly located the vehicle in question. Inside they observed a male unconscious in the front passenger seat. They were unable to wake him up. Officer Serrano observed the window to be slightly ajar so he inserted his baton through the window and began a chest rub on the unconscious subject. The male woke up and was oriented enough to unlock the door. By then Fallon Ambulance was on scene and paramedics began to evaluate this subject. During this evaluation, one of the paramedics opened the vehicle's glove compartment to check the registration in an effort to identify the subject. When he did so, he observed a semi-automatic handgun in plain view. The Officers then removed the subject from the vehicle for their safety. As they did so the Officers observed a crystal-like substance protruding from a package on the floor. Upon seizing the package the substance was determined to be crystal methamphetamine. In addition to this, the paramedics informed the Officers that the subject was exhibiting symptoms of a person who had recently ingested crystal meth. Upon reviewing video surveillance from the store, it was learned that two subjects had walked away from the vehicle prior to the arrival of the police. While the Officers were still on scene, the two subjects who were in the store video approached on foot and spoke with the Officers. This allowed the Officers to determine that the firearm was registered to one of these men. Upon a further search of the vehicle, officers located glassine bags, a scale and a total of 30 grams of crystal methamphetamine. All three subjects refused to be interviewed and were placed under arrest for a variety of offenses.

Patrol Officers Serrano and Hutnick exhibited a high degree of professionalism while being able to safely manage this scene as it progressed quickly from a medical situation to a criminal one involving drugs and a firearm. Based on their actions that night, Patrol Officer Mario Serrano and Patrol Officer Jeffrey Hutnick will both be awarded a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.

Patrol Officer Brian Gallagher
Detective David Wagner

On October 24, 2017 Patrol Officer Brian Gallagher and Detective David Wagner were working a private police detail on Harvard St. at the intersection of Coolidge St. While on this detail, they had were scanning the Boston Police radio channel in addition to Brookline's. At about 5:30pm these officers monitored a radio call from Boston reporting that a sexual assault had occurred at an address on Commonwealth Ave. As part of this radio transmission, Boston also gave out a description of the subject believed to have committed this assault. Within 30 minutes, these Officers observed a man fitting the description of the subject walk by their work site. These Officers stopped the subject and engaged him in conversation. During their conversation, the subject gave them information that



placed him at the scene of the reported assault. Boston Police were contacted about the stop and subsequently provided with the subject's confirmed identity as well as the statements he made. The matter was then turned over to Boston Police for follow up investigation.

Both Officer Gallagher and Detective Wagner exhibited a dedication to their work by keeping themselves informed about what is occurring not only in Brookline but also just over the line in the neighboring City of Boston. The actions they took that day while on a private detail also showed a high degree of professionalism on their part. Because of this, Patrol Officer Brian Gallagher and Detective David Wagner will both be awarded a Certificate of Commendation and well as a Letter of Commendation.

Detective Sergeant Matthew McDonnell
Detective Carlos Crespo

On March 6, 2016, the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) sent out an informational flyer relative to the fraudulent use of credit cards in downtown Boston. This flyer depicted a subject who was quickly recognized by both Detective Sergeant McDonnell and Detective Carlos Crespo. Both Detectives have had prior contacts with this subject after he committed crimes in Brookline. The identity of this subject was passed onto Boston Police and a warrant was issued in Boston for his arrest. On July 20, 2017 our dispatch center received a call from Starbucks on Commonwealth Ave reporting that an unknown male stole a woman's backpack that contained a laptop, wallet, identification and credit cards. The subject had fled from the store with the woman's property prior to the call to our Department. In an effort to identify the suspect in this case, Detectives obtained video from a number of sources. They were able to use the images from these videos to identify the suspect as the same person who was depicted in the March 6th flyer from the BRIC. After confirming his identity, Detectives obtained and arrest warrant and a search warrant for the home where the suspect was living. Detectives went to his home on September 29, 2017 but the suspect was not present. They did, however, execute the search warrant and obtained clothing that the suspect wore during the Brookline crime. The subject was eventually arrested on November 4th on the Brookline warrant.

This case clearly shows the value of disseminating information throughout our Department and the value of Officers taking the time to familiarize themselves with the information provided. The subject involved in this case has a lengthy criminal record and was recently released after serving a sentence of 4 to 5 years in prison. He has been arrested in the past for crimes he committed in Brookline and is currently awaiting indictment for the Starbucks theft. Because of their roles in this case, Detective Sergeant Matthew McDonnell and Detective Carlos Crespo will both receive a Letter of Commendation.



Detective Yu Kajita
Detective Allen Gustie
Detective Keith Lacy

On November 20, 2017, information was received that the Town of Brookline was the victim of a cybercrime which involved the transfer of a sum of money to a fraudulent bank account outside of this country. The request for the transfer was made by unknown person/s who had "hacked" into the Town computer system. Shortly after the transfer was processed, town employees learned that the request was not legitimate. The Police Department was contacted and immediately began an investigation. Detectives Yu Kajita, Allen Gustie and Keith Lacy were all assigned to this case. Detectives Kajita and Gustie have received extensive training in the investigations of these types of crimes. They immediately interviewed several members of the staff of the Treasurer's Office. Knowing that time was of the essence in this case, the interviews were quickly conducted and once the Detectives had obtained enough information to proceed, they returned to the station to begin an aggressive follow-up. The three mentioned Detectives contacted the FBI, the Northeast Chapter of the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (IAFCI), the banks involved and a member of the IAFCI who resides in the country where the fraudulent transfer was sent. During this investigation our Detectives worked closely with personnel from the agencies mentioned above which allowed a hold to be placed on the transfer of funds and the dismantling of the "chain" that was set up to ensure the transfer of money outside of the U.S. It was because of the Detective's quick actions that were taken in this case that the funds were never sent out of the U.S. and the Town was able to prevent the loss of funds.

Because of our Detectives quick action, great teamwork, willingness to take advantage of training opportunities, and realizing how important it is to develop relationships with outside agencies, Detectives Kajita, Gustie and Lacy were able to prevent the Town from suffering a monetary loss. Because of their actions in this case, Detectives Yu Kajita, Allen Gustie and Keith Lacy will all be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.

Patrol Officer Brian Merrigan
Patrol Officer Matthew Soderberg
Patrol Officer Michael O'Connor

On December 5, 2017 at about 4:15pm a call was received at our Dispatch Center reporting that a man was seen in the area Pleasant and Parkman St throw an empty delivery-style box over a fence. Patrol Officers Brian Merrigan, Matthew Soderberg and Michael O'Connor all responded to the area. P.O. Merrigan met with the caller who pointed out the vehicle that this man had driven to the area in and provided additional information as to the man's whereabouts. Shortly thereafter P.O. Merrigan stopped this person in question as he was the leaving the courtyard of a building on Parkman St. At this point, Officers Soderberg and O'Connor arrived on scene. Upon speaking to the individual, the Officers obtained consent to search his motor vehicle. Located within the vehicle where a number of items that were later



determined to have been stolen. These items ranged from several Walt Disney watches, to drapes and clothing. All of the items were found to have been removed from packages that were left in the vestibules of Brookline buildings for pickup by their owners. The subject admitted to taking several of the items out of delivery boxes but he insisted the packages were left on the sidewalk and not taken from vestibules. After identifying the owners of the packages, Officers were able to match up the empty boxes to the items recovered from the subject's motor vehicle. As a result, he was placed under arrest and charged with three counts of larceny as well as two additional counts of receiving stolen property.

Officers Merrigan, Soderberg and O'Connor quickly responded to a citizen call reporting suspicious activity. By working with this citizen, these Officers were able to prevent the loss of property that rightfully belonged to several Brookline residents. Based on their actions that day, Patrol Officers Brian Merrigan, Matthew Soderberg and Michael O'Connor will all receive a Letter of Commendation.

Patrol Officer Kerry Keaveney

On December 6, 2017 at approximately 9:50AM, Officer Kerry Keaveney was patrolling the Washington Square area when she observed two male subjects acting suspiciously by walking back and forth on Washington Street with no apparent destination. Officer Keaveney watched as they approached an unoccupied delivery van whose driver was making a delivery across the street. Officer Keaveney then observed the van to have an open front passenger door. She also observed one of the subjects to be holding a brown package that he had not previously possessed. Officer Keaveney relayed her observations to the Brookline Police Dispatch. Officer Keaveney then initiated a field interrogation with these two subjects. When she stopped these subjects they were no longer in possession of the package. However, the package was quickly located beside a nearby tree. The subsequent investigation revealed that the subjects had in fact entered the delivery van and removed the package. They were placed under arrest for Breaking and Entering and Larceny.

During this time of the year there is typically an increase in package thefts in residential areas. Officer Keaveney was quick to recognize the suspicious activity, and appropriately monitored their actions until she believed they had committed a crime. Because of her work two career criminals with lengthy histories were apprehended early in the package theft season. Patrol Officer Kerry Keaveney will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation as well as a Letter of Commendation.

Sergeant Brian Sutherland
Patrol Officer Robert M. Collins
Detective Allen Gustie

On December 11, 2017 information was received concerning a male resident of the Town who was missing. This man left his home at 8am and had not returned home all day. Family members contacted our Department at approximately 9pm. When we were contacted, the family expressed concern for the missing man's well-being

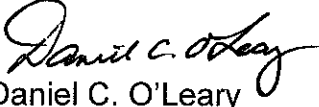


because this type of behavior was uncharacteristic of him. Furthermore, he had recently been prescribed a new medication and he had experienced dizziness with it. The family believed he may have taken a walk, became dizzy and had fallen somewhere. Out of concern for the man's well-being, Detective Gustie contacted Verizon and requested that they "ping" his cellphone. Because of the exigent circumstances, this was done right away. Officers soon learned that the phone was in the area of 910 Boylston St and had been stationary for about two hours. Sergeant Brian Sutherland was our on scene commander who organized and managed the search. Several Officers responded to the area and a search was initiated. Officer Robert M. Collins responded to assist and entered the area on foot. He came onto the property from a back driveway and started to head towards the top of the hill. It had snowed a little bit earlier in the evening and when Officer Collins approached an old set of steps, started to climb up them. About halfway up the stairs, he observed a set of footprints left the steps and entered a wooded area. He followed the foot prints for about 200 yards when he came upon a male lying on his back in the snow. Officer Collins was able to get a response from the man and he requested that Fallon Ambulance respond to evaluate the man. Officer Collins was quickly joined by other Officers and they were able to escort the man out of the wooded area to receive assistance from medical personnel. He was subsequently transported to the hospital for follow up care.

The temperature that night was near freezing. As stated above it had snowed as well. This meant that Officers needed to move quickly if this person was to be found safe. Detective Gustie contacted Verizon for their assistance as soon as he had the necessary information from the family. Once the man's cell phone was located, Detective Gustie passed the information on which allowed a number of Officers to respond to an area and set up search for him. Officer Collins was not originally assigned to the search but volunteered to assist. When he searched his area of responsibility he was very aware that the snow might very well assist him in his efforts to locate the missing man. This allowed him to look beyond the stairs to see if any footprints appeared in the new fallen snow. Fortunately he was able to observe the man's footprints and located him within 10 minutes of starting his search. Sergeant Brian Sutherland ensured the search was well planned and executed. Because of their efforts, Patrol Officer Robert M. Collins will be awarded both a Certificate of Commendation and a Letter of Commendation. Sergeant Brian Sutherland Detective Allen Gustie 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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Daniel C. O'Leary
Chief of Police

