



PALM BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICER OF THE MONTH
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Detective Peter Santelli

On Saturday, March 30, 2019, at approximately 0230 hours, Detective Santelli and Officer Mastrangelo, while assigned to the Burglary Strike Force, were conducting foot patrol in the 100 block of Everglade Avenue, due to recent auto burglaries and auto thefts. While conducting foot patrol, Detective Santelli and Officer Mastrangelo observed through the use of night vision and a thermal scope three subjects, later identified as B/M Jeremiah D. Holmes (DOB 08/13/02), B/M Delanos L. Brown (DOB 03/03/03), and B/M Zion Barfield (DOB 02/11/02).

Detective Santelli and Officer Mastrangelo observed the three subjects enter a driveway located in the front yard of a residence on the north side of Everglade Avenue, then exit the driveway walking west, then entering the driveway to the adjacent residence. The subjects then exited the driveway and walked west towards Detective Santelli. Detective Santelli approached the subjects and identified himself as a police officer. Barfield and Brown turned around and started running east on Everglade Avenue. Holmes continued walking in Detective Santelli's direction and complied with given verbal commands, and was detained. Officer Mastrangelo who had placed himself to the east of the subjects, was able to apprehend Brown after a brief foot pursuit. Barfield continued to run northeast on Everglade Avenue. A Range Rover key was recovered on the sidewalk in the area where Barfield fled, which was later revealed to be previously reported stolen, PBPD Case# 19-000442.

At approximately 0513 hours, while conducting a canvas, Officer Mastrangelo observed Barfield walking westbound towards the Flagler Memorial Bridge, and took Barfield into custody. Barfield was in possession of a Range Rover key, which was later found to be correlated with PBPD Case# 19-000421.

Detective Santelli conducted a post Miranda interview, during which Barfield stated he, Holmes, and Brown had come over to Palm Beach to burglarize vehicles. He further stated Holmes and Brown entered a yellow Bentley parked in a driveway in the 100 block of Everglade Ave. He stated Holmes removed a \$10 bill from the vehicle. Which correlated with the \$10 bill which had been recovered from Holmes person, search incident to arrest. In a recorded post Miranda interview, Holmes stated he observed Barfield and Brown enter multiple vehicles in the 100 block of Everglade Ave including a blue car. Barfield and Brown were arrested for Burglary, Resisting without violence, and Loitering and Prowling. Holmes was arrested for Burglary, Possession of Marijuana, and Loitering and Prowling.

Detective Santelli and Officer Mastrangelo's actions led to the apprehension of three suspects who entered the Town of Palm Beach with the intention of committing multiple auto burglaries and automobile thefts. The suspects ultimately confessed to their crimes after being interviewed by Detective Santelli. Detective Santelli and Officer Mastrangelo are commended for their dedication, exceptional teamwork, and professionalism which resulted in the arrest of these three individuals.