



PALM BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICER OF THE MONTH
December 2014

Detective Keith Medeiros

Based on your diligent investigative prowess and versatile skillset, you have been nominated and named by the Awards Committee and the Director of Public Safety as the Palm Beach Department's Officer of the Month for December 2014.

As a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, you began an investigation into an individual suspected of downloading child pornography. During the course of an eight month long investigation you discovered the individual who was already a convicted felon had downloaded over 1,000 pictures and videos involving minors. Surveillance on the suspect's house revealed the suspect was actively downloading these files at his residence. The suspect lived on an acre of fenced property with three large dogs and multiple video cameras around his property. In an attempt at counter surveillance the suspect would occasionally drive to the end of his street randomly to check for police presence. Due to the nature of the property a 20 person Sheriff's office SWAT team was utilized to enter the property and the residence. Once inside the residence, nine computers were seized for a forensic investigation, as well as four hand guns, one rifle, and one shotgun. You also discovered a garage that had been converted into a marijuana grow house containing 179 plants and a shed that had been converted into a sophisticated hash oil extraction laboratory. The laboratory contained several freezers full of marijuana and hash oil. In total you were able to seize 14,000 grams of processed cannabis and 3900 grams of hashish.

As a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, you have made multiple arrests resulting in successful guilty verdicts. This is another example of your versatile investigative skills and your flexibility in work hours that have ultimately contributed to the arrest and prosecution of pedophiles in our area and in this case also a drug manufacturer.