



PALM BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT  
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH  
August 2015

***Systems Analyst Jim Palmer***

Based on your unique analytical skillset and assistance in a federal investigation you have been nominated and named by the Awards Committee and the Director of Public Safety as the Palm Beach Department's Employee of the Month for August 2015.

In July of 2015, you were tasked to assist the Drug Enforcement Administration in identifying a suspected drug trafficker, who was believed to have traveled through Palm Beach. DEA Agents informed our agency they were attempting to identify the owner of a cell phone that was being utilized to conduct drug transactions throughout Palm Beach, Dade, and Broward counties. The phone was a prepaid device, with no name or record attached. The Agents had been unsuccessful in identifying a suspect or his vehicle during the course of their investigation. As the case progressed Agents sought warrants and obtained cell tower records that indicated the phone may have traveled through the Town of Palm Beach and requested our assistance in locating a potential vehicle. The cell tower data was forwarded to you for review.

As you conducted your analysis of the records, you completed a query of every license plate recorded on the Town License Plate Recognition system (LPR) on the dates provided. You were able to complete a cross analysis of matching plates, eliminating over 50,000 records in to a few 100. You then constructed the data to match the time frame in question and located a single vehicle that matched all criteria. You provided your findings to DEA Agents who discovered the vehicle was rented by the suspect who had already returned it prior their request for assistance. Agents were subsequently able to obtain investigative information from the rental agreement that assisted their ongoing investigation.