



PALM BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICER OF THE MONTH
November 2014

Sergeant Michael Dawson

Based on your expeditious response and leadership, 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 November 2014.

On Wednesday, November 5, 2014 Palm Beach Police Units were alerted to a shoplifting in progress call from [REDACTED] Worth Avenue. A white male wearing a white t-shirt and shorts had taken a designer handbag valued at \$1,950 from the store shelf and left the store without paying for the item.

You began responding to the area as witnesses to the theft were attempting to follow the suspect on foot. As the suspect became aware that he was being followed, he discarded the purse and began to flee, running toward the 100 block of Peruvian Ave. You located the suspect and ordered the individual to stop. The suspect refused to acknowledge this request and as you grabbed his arm, the suspect attempted to pull away and break your grasp to escape. You maintained your grip and were able to secure the suspect to the ground before placing him safely in custody.

The handbag was later recovered and returned to [REDACTED]. You continued to supervise the entirety of the investigation and directed resources to garner the appropriate information and evidence needed for prosecution. The suspect would be charged with Grand Theft and Resisting Arrest without Violence.