



PALM BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICER OF THE MONTH
July 2015

Detective Kendall Reyes

Based on your tenacity and proactive efforts 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 July 2015.

On January 8, 2015, you were assigned a theft investigation, which occurred at Publix where a white male stole 5 bottles of champagne valued at \$244.95 (case 15-0050). During your interview with the Publix Manager, you learned the suspect entered a [REDACTED] van with a Florida tag of [REDACTED] before leaving the area. You immediately entered the license plate into the Town's License Plate Recognition System and assisted Publix with an audit of their champagne inventory. During this audit you found the store was missing 80 bottles of champagne going back to November 2014 for an aggregate loss of \$4,000.

On your day off, July 26, 2015, you were notified the Town's L.P.R. System alerted to the [REDACTED] van wanted in connection to the Publix theft. Patrol officers located the vehicle parked at Publix and detained a subject observed exiting the vehicle. You readily responded to the station and interviewed the suspect, obtaining a full confession of the January theft. You also discovered several bottles of champagne and wine inside the vehicle, which were believed to have been recently stolen from other Publix locations in the county. You arrested and charged the suspect with Felony Theft.

On June 10, 2015, you were assigned a Theft, Forgery and Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card investigation, where a suspect cashed five unauthorized checks and fraudulently used a debit card for a loss of \$6,271.08. You also discovered the suspect pawned multiple pieces of jewelry that belonged to the victim to which you made an immediate recovery and returned to the victim. You identified the suspect and developed probable cause for an arrest. After multiple attempts to have the suspect volunteer a surrender met with negative results, you coordinated with West Palm Beach Police who brought the suspect into custody on July 24, 2015. Additionally, you learned the same suspect had stolen a [REDACTED] Scooter valued at \$2,500.00. Based on this information, you added the charge for Grand Theft Auto while the suspect was at Palm Beach County Jail.

In a single weekend, you successfully cleared three cases, which led to the felony arrests of two individuals and recovery of stolen property.