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LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Mayor Philip Levine and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Jimmy L. Morales, City Manager

DATE: January 12, 2016

SUBJECT: Police Department Ocean Drive Initiatives in 2015

This Letter to Commission and the accompanying attachments are prepared to summarize crime conditions and explain the Police Department's initiatives along Ocean Drive in 2015.

As indicated in the first attachment ("Ocean Drive Report, January 1 through December 31, 2014 vs. 2015"), major crime along Ocean Drive decreased by 19.6 percent in 2015, with a 2.15 percent reduction in violent crime and a 21.82 reduction in non-violent/property crime.

The second attachment, a memorandum by Area 1 Captain Wayne Jones ("Police Initiatives on Ocean Drive and in the Entertainment District"), summarizes the various patrol deployment schemes and special initiatives undertaken along Ocean Drive to reduce crime in 2015. It also explains the additional resources the Department has invested in the Ocean Drive area.

The third attachment ("Ocean Drive Patrol Squad Statistics for 2015") is a summary of the year's most important successes and efforts by the Ocean Drive Patrol Squad, the new team of one sergeant and six officers that was formed in late 2014 to specifically address conditions on Ocean Drive, in Lummus Park and on the Beach. The list of accomplishments is impressive and affirms that this new Squad is an effective and productive unit that is having a major impact on crime and quality-of-life conditions.

These reports illustrate that the Police Department has been adaptive and effective in its deployment strategies in 2015. Further changes and flexibility are likely in 2016, but with a continued emphasis on reducing crime and further improving the quality of life in this area.

Attachments

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To: Chief Daniel Oates
 From: Crime Analysis Unit
 Date: January 11, 2016
 Subject: Ocean Drive Report- January 1 through December 31, 2014 VS 2015

The following report provides statistical data from cases generated and calls for service on Ocean Drive from 5th -15th Street for 2014 and 2015. The data represented is preliminary in nature and does not necessarily reflect final UCR Statistics for 2015; as that data, while presumed accurate, is subject to an end-of-year vetting process that is not yet completed. For comparison purposes only, the Entertainment District's boundaries are defined as 5th St. to 15th St., Washington Ave to the Beach.

Uniform Crime Reporting Statistics (UCR)

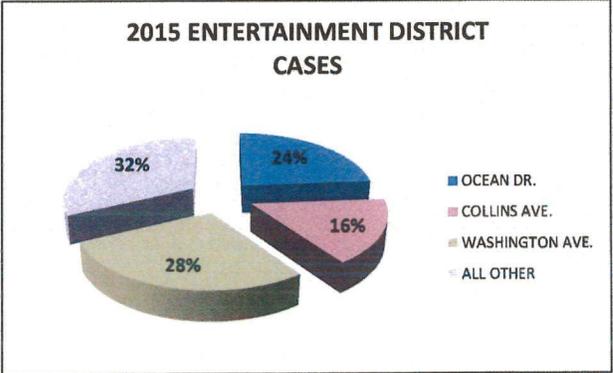
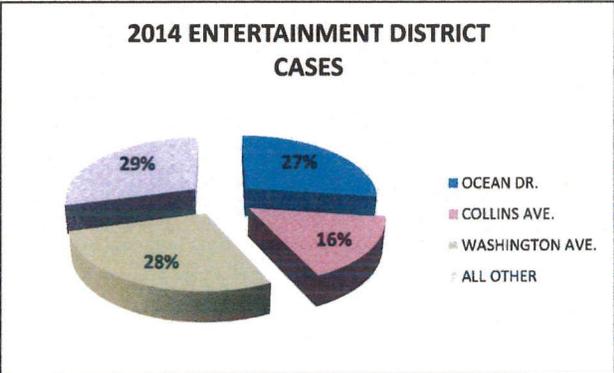
MBPD provides reports on crime statistics to FDLE based on UCR, a system of standardized crime reporting gathered from across the state. These reports provide summary and detail information, issued semi-annually and annually. The table below illustrates UCR Part I Crimes from January 1 to December 31 on Ocean Dr. from 5th to 15th Street.

OCEAN DRIVE UCR PART I COMPARISON			
PERIOD COVERED: JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31			
	% CHANGE	2015	2014
HOMICIDE	0.00%	0	0
RAPE	-40.00%	3	5
ROBBERY	13.51%	42	37
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	-13.16%	33	38
TOTAL VIOLENT CRIME	-2.50%	78	80
	% CHANGE	2015	2014
BURGLARY	39.29%	39	28
LARCENY	-25.87%	427	576
AUTO THEFT	40.00%	14	10
TOTAL PROPERTY CRIME	-21.82%	480	614

TOTAL PART I	
2014	694
2015	558
-19.60%	

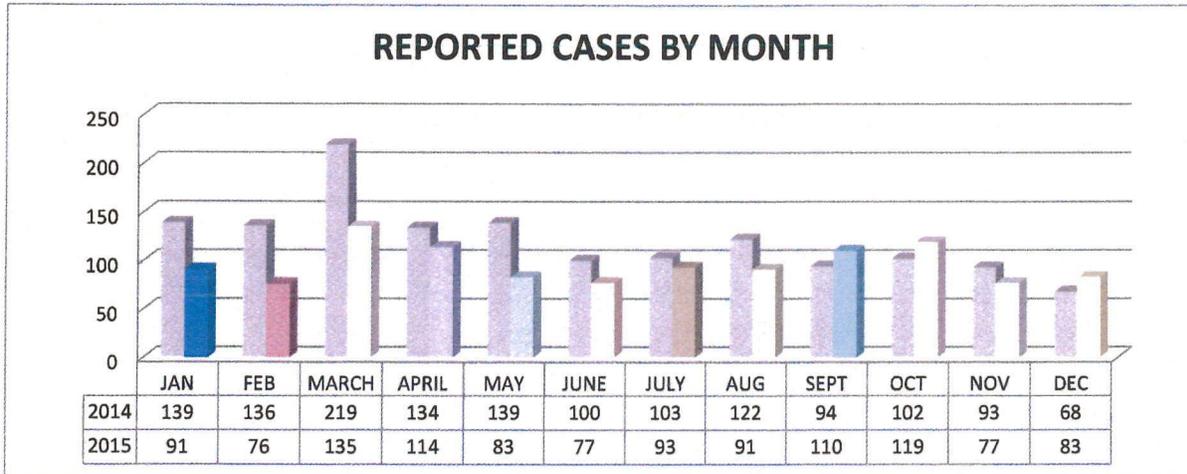
Reported Cases

A police case report documents that a crime or incident occurred that required police attention. In 2014, there were 1,449 generated cases reported on Ocean Drive compared to 1,149 for 2015, a 21 percent decrease when comparing both years. In 2014, Ocean Drive cases accounted for approximately 27 percent of all cases reported in the Entertainment District. This number was reduced to 24 percent in 2015. The ratio of reported cases on Washington Ave and Collins Ave remained constant during the same time period. Reported cases in all other areas increased by 3 percent.



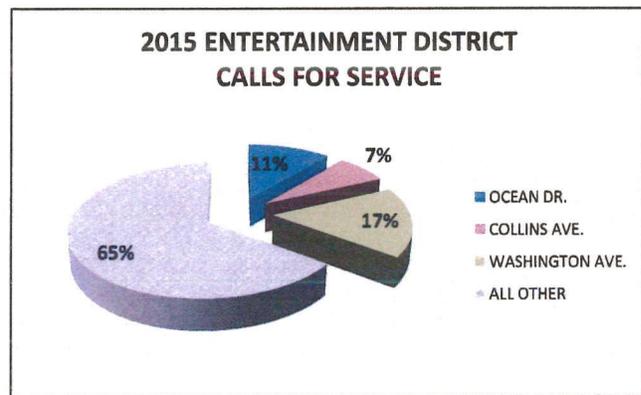
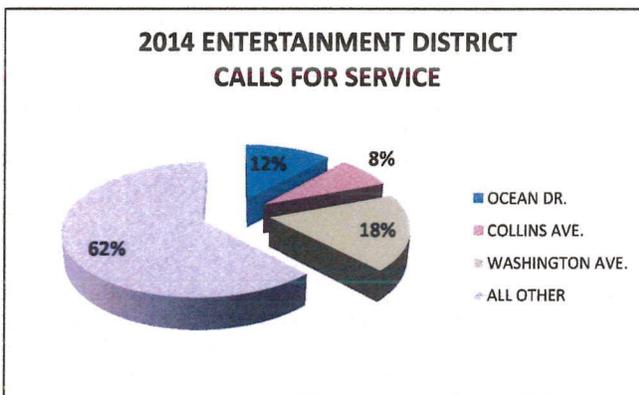
Reported Cases by Month

When compared to 2014, Ocean Drive showed a reduction in cases in nine months out of the year. The most notable month to date is March, where there were 84 fewer cases reported. **Note:** March is also the month that we acquire an enormous influx of tourists due to the Spring Break holiday.



Calls for Service (CFS)

Calls for Service combines dispatched calls to officers and those calls that are self-initiated by an officer in the field. This is the initial contact that an officer has with the public. During this reporting period, CFS in the Entertainment District increased by **3 percent** from 41,830 in 2014, to 42,988 in 2015. Ocean Drive CFS decreased by **1 percent** during this time frame.



Summary

The Police Department’s various initiatives and deployment adjustments had an impact on Ocean Drive in 2015. Through a combination of the efforts of the new Ocean Drive Patrol Squad, **Operation Visibility**, **Operation Crimson Tide** and a multitude of details, proactive investigations and high-visibility patrolling, crime was reduced. Statistical data comparing Ocean Drive activity revealed:

- From January 1 to December 31, UCR Part 1 Crimes decreased 19.6% on Ocean Drive when compared to 2014
- Robberies rose by five from 2014 to 2015. During the month-long detail of Operation Visibility, there were only three robberies reported on Ocean Drive and only one reported during the entire month of May
- Both reported cases and calls for service have declined on Ocean Drive from 2014 to 2015
- Reported cases on Ocean Drive showed a reduction of 3% during this time frame, while Collins and Washington Ave remained relatively unchanged. All other areas of the Entertainment District showed a growth of 3%
- When analyzing both years on a month-to-month basis, 2015 received nine months of fewer reported cases (75%)

To: Chief Daniel Oates

From: Captain Wayne Jones, Area 1

Date: January 12, 2016

Subject: Police Initiatives on Ocean Drive and in the Entertainment District

This memorandum is prepared to summarize the Police Department's crime-reduction efforts and initiatives on Ocean Drive and in the Entertainment District in 2015 in anticipation of the Ocean Drive Task Force's presentation to the Commission on January 13. The Police Department has supported the Task Force throughout the year by attending its meetings, answering questions and providing periodic crime and activity reports and statistical analysis as needed.

Background

In late October 2014, Mark Causey was promoted to Major and assigned to command the Operations Division of the Police Department. Wayne Jones was promoted to Captain and assigned to command Area 1/South Beach, which includes Ocean Drive and the Entertainment District. Under their new leadership, all resources assigned to the Entertainment District were reorganized. Additional officers were assigned to Ocean Drive and the beach to address concerns of a perceived lack of police presence and a perceived increase in criminal activity. The approach employed by the Department consisted of many actions, including but not limited to:

- The implementation of an Ocean Drive Patrol Squad, consisting of one sergeant and five officers. An additional officer was later added
- The re-implementation and stepped-up enforcement of the beach closure hours. (The City also installed permanent access-blocking gates that are closed at midnight)
- The addition of a second Homeless Liaison Officer (HLO) and an increase in night-time homeless outreach details in the area
- Joint targeted enforcement of vice crimes by the Strategic Investigations Squad (SIS) and the Crime Suppression Teams (CST)
- Joint quality-of-life details with Code Enforcement
- The deployment of portable lighting systems along Ocean Drive and on the most densely traveled cross streets immediately to the west of Ocean Drive

Also during the last two months of 2014, the Strategic Investigation Squad (SIS) and the Crime Suppression Team (CST) conducted joint targeted enforcement of vice-related crimes. Their combined efforts resulted in a significant increase in arrests for serious crimes and for lesser quality-of-life offenses, totaling 38 Ocean Drive arrests for the following:

- 10 Prostitution
- 27 Narcotics
- 1 Miscellaneous

The Police Department's Efforts in 2015

The MBPD's approach in 2015 has been to experiment with various crime-reduction techniques to find solutions that are practical and effective. Several examples of these efforts are summarized below:

The Ocean Drive Patrol Squad

The most important innovation has been the Department's creation of the Ocean Drive Patrol Squad, which continued to gain experience and adapt its deployment and tactics throughout the year so as to evolve into one of the most highly effective units in the Department. The Ocean Drive Patrol Squad consists of one sergeant and six officers. Four of the officers are assigned to patrol Lummus Park and Ocean Drive and two are assigned to the beach, largely on ATVs. Working Wednesday through

Saturday evenings, the team has been in place since October, 2014 and has an impressive record of making immediate arrests of predators who commit violent street crime. Since 2015, total Part One crime on Ocean Drive has declined 19.60 percent. In addition, the team leaders (first, Sgt. Elise Spina-Taylor, since succeeded by Sgt. Jose Reina) have been exceptional in performing outreach to business and community leaders in the area and in performing traditional community-policing and problem-solving tasks.

Operation Visibility

Second, on April 9th 2015, “Operation Visibility” was implemented. The multi-pronged plan was designed to increase the visibility of officers on the beach, Ocean Drive, and in the 100 blocks of the adjoining finger streets. The detail was done each evening during the overlap times between the afternoon and midnight shifts and consisted of four parts. First, additional ATV officers were deployed to the beach to address thefts. Second, teams of officers were assigned to walk specific blocks on Ocean Drive to ensure police presence was noticeably increased. Third, police officers were teamed up with code enforcement officers, with each team targeting quality-of-life issues and illegal vending. Lastly, police portable lighting and Skywatch towers were strategically placed on Ocean Drive and the side streets to improve lighting deficiencies and to discourage criminal behavior.

Operation Visibility ended the week of Memorial Day Weekend. It resulted in the following:

- 24 Misdemeanors Arrests
- 8 Felonies Arrests
- 69 Traffic Citations
- 18 Parking Citations
- 19 Code Violations
- 296 Calls for Service
- 1719 Citizens Contacts

Operation Crimson Tide

Third and most recently, the SIS and CST squads have once again partnered to address vice crimes on Ocean Drive and the Entertainment District at large. The joint operation was implemented on Monday, September 7th and was conducted for approximately 28 days. This joint endeavor resulted in the following:

- 41 Arrests for Sale of Narcotics
- 23 Arrests for Possession of Narcotics
- 7 Arrests for Prostitution
- 6 Arrests for Misc. Offenses

Summary

To address concerns of criminal activity and lack of police presence, resources assigned to Ocean Drive and the Entertainment Districts were reorganized and redeployed in October 2014. Vice crimes occurring on Ocean Drive were also targeted. Staffing assignments and proactive details have been supplemented by the deployment of Skywatch towers and portable lighting, which have been strategically placed in areas of deficient lighting with the goal of discouraging criminal activity. Operation Visibility and Operation Crimson Tide took a multi-pronged approach in targeting complaints and included partnering with code enforcement officers and the enforcement of quality-of-life issues, vice crimes and illegal vending.

The entire comprehensive enforcement initiative in this area of the City has been deemed so successful that it now constitutes the “new normal” in terms of the Police Department’s approach to Ocean Drive and the Entertainment District.

MIAMI BEACH

POLICE



MEMORANDUM
PATROL DIVISION

TO: Captain W. Jones

FROM: Sergeant J. Reina

DATE: 01/07/2016

SUBJECT: **Ocean Drive Patrol Squad Statistics for 2015 and Highlights of Arrest/Apprehensions**

**2015 Ocean Drive Patrol Squad
Statistics**

Felony Arrests	317
Misdemeanor Arrests	480
Case Reports/Supplements	1,323

Listed below are some of the noteworthy Arrest/Apprehensions made by the Ocean Drive Patrol Squad during 2015:

JULY 2015:

Friday, July 3, 2015 at 2316 Hrs. Case# 2015-63337 (1) Arrest of Wanted Fugitive for a Double Homicide (200 block of 11st).

Brief Synopsis: Officers Descalzo and Porro were conducting their foot patrol along Ocean Drive, when they became alerted to Mr. Michael Watson (Arrestee) for possibly conducting illicit sales of narcotics (marijuana) in the immediate area. Officer's observed actions from Mr. Watson consistent with street level hand to hand narcotic transactions. Officers utilized their training and experience to make their tactical approach towards Mr. Watson, while remaining undetected in full police uniform.

During the course of the arrest, Mr. Watson identified himself as Mr. Brashad Scott, therefore being deceitful and concealing his identity to officers. An NCIC/FCIC and AFIS check revealed Mr. Watson is wanted in connection to a double homicide/capital murder and attempted murder case out of Sumter County, Alabama, (A.I.E.A/Alabama Law Enforcement Agency State Bureau of Investigation Case# 3C-0250-09-2015). Officers Descalzo and Porro coordinated the investigatory efforts with the U.S. Marshalls and the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation to interview and extradite Mr. Watson back to Alabama so he can face these murder charges. Special Agents B. Manley and D. Ratliff from the A.S.B.I. responded to the Miami/Miami Beach area to follow-up with the investigation. Officers Descalzo and Porro assisted the listed Special Agents through the course of the investigation and their stay in the Miami Beach area.

Thursday, July 30, 2015 at 2315 Hrs. Case# 2015-72486 (1) Arrest for Strong Arm Robbery (1000 block of Lummus Park).

Brief Synopsis: Officers Dominguez, Porro and Descalzo, were conducting their foot patrol along Ocean Drive. Suddenly, over the police radio, a BOLO was being issued for a subject wanted in connection to a Strong Arm Robbery with injuries that had just occurred in the 1000 block of Lummus Park.

The listed officer's immediately began to conduct a search for the offender along the park area. Within minutes, Officers Dominguez, Porro and Descalzo located the offender at 11th street and Ocean Drive. After positive identification, the offender was arrested on scene.

Investigation revealed that the victim was at the above incident location when the offender violently struck him several times in the face area and forcibly removed \$60.00 in cash from his pockets. As the victim fled the area in an attempt to notify police of the incident, the offender gave chase. The victim went to the nearest pay phone, where the offender followed and continued to batter the victim on his head. As a result of the violent attack, the victim fell to the ground unconscious and sustained multiple lacerations to his face and head area.

Thankfully the victim did not sustain any life threatening injuries and this violent felon was taken into custody and arrested without further incident.

AUGUST 2015:

During the work week of August 5, 2015 thru August 8, 2015, the Ocean Drive Patrol Squad observed, responded, investigated and apprehended/arrested a total of **(5) offenders in (4) unrelated violent robberies throughout the beaches, Ocean Drive and the Entertainment District.** They are listed below:

Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 2210 Hrs. Case# 2015-74659 (1) Arrest for an Armed Robbery (1000 block of the Seawall).

Brief Synopsis: Subject approached the victim who is a German national on vacation and demanded his belongings, while brandishing a knife and holding the victim at knife point. The victim in fear for his life relinquished his property to the subject. The subject then fled the area in a bicycle and was located within an hour of committing the robbery by the Ocean Drive Patrol Squad. Case cleared by arrest.

Friday, August 7, 2015 at 0340 Hrs. Case#2015-74722 (2) Arrest for a Strong Arm Robbery, Battery on a LEO, Resisting Arrest w/violence, Grand Theft and Battery (1300 block of Ocean Drive).

Brief Synopsis: Subjects approached the victim who is a Mexican national on vacation and battered him while forcibly removing his watch from his wrist. Officers then were flagged down by an off-duty New Jersey Police Officer who observed the robbery unfold and alerted the officers to the subjects involved and their location. Upon one of the subject's observed the officers approaching him, he took flight on foot by running away from the incident location to evade arrest. After a brief foot chase and physical struggle with the listed subject, he was apprehended and arrested by the Ocean Drive Patrol Squad without further incident. The secondary subject was located and arrested in the vicinity of the crime scene also by the Ocean Drive Patrol Squad. Case cleared by arrest.

Friday, August 7, 2015 at 0418 Hrs. Case#2015-74723 (1) Arrest for a Carjacking, Grand Theft (Auto) and Battery (1300 block of Ocean Drive).

Brief Synopsis: The subject who is the co-defendant in the Strong Arm Robbery under Case#2015-74722, observed that his accessory was apprehended by police in the immediate area following the robbery, he became desperate to flee the area and evade arrest/apprehension, that he battered a taxi cab driver and forcibly took possession of the taxi-cab in an attempt to leave the incident location undetected. Observing that the crime scene location quickly became flooded by police units, he abandoned the taxi cab and bailed out by running on foot away from the vehicle. The subject was apprehended and arrested by the Ocean Drive Patrol Squad without further incident, within two blocks of the incident location. Case cleared by arrest.

Saturday, August 8, 2015 at 0132 Hrs. Case#2015-75031 (1) Arrest for Attempted Strong Arm Robbery (1700

block of the Beach).

Brief Synopsis: The subject approached the victim while at the beach and demanded his property. The victim advised he was threatened with being physically beaten if he did not comply with the subject's demands. Fearing for his life, the victim allowed the subject to rifle thru his pockets in search of cash, however the victim had no cash on his person for the subject to take. The subject became extremely irate towards the victim at which time; the victim ceased a moment of opportunity to flee the area, and ran away from the subject towards the Ocean Drive Patrol Squad that was patrolling the beach in the immediate area. The victim provided the officers with the subject's description and within minutes he was located, apprehended and arrested once again by the Ocean Drive Patrol Squad without incident. Case cleared by arrest.

Officer Dominguez and Officer Lopez singled handed apprehended these violent felons in the four unrelated forcible felonies, during the course of two shifts and incidents almost back to back to each other.

In addition to the above listed Robbery arrests that were made, the Squad also generated an additional (7) arrest, ranging from: Sale of Cocaine, Purchase of Cocaine, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Domestic Battery, Simple Battery and Warrants during the same week, bringing the total arrests to: (13). The Ocean Drive Patrol Squad continued making arrests during of Month of August 2015, for Sale of Marijuana, Possession of Methamphetamine with the Intent Sell, Resisting Arrest without violence, Disorderly Intoxication and Trespass after warning to list a few. Total arrests generated by the Ocean Drive/ATV Squad for the Month of August 2015 were: (49).

An audit of the Department's Patrol Statistic database revealed that the Ocean Drive Patrol Squad led the ENTIRE Police Department in arrests for the Months of August, July and June of 2015.

OCTOBER 2015:

During the Month of October 2015, the Ocean Drive Patrol Squad observed, responded, investigated and apprehended/arrested a total of (5) offenders in (2) unrelated violent robberies, (1) offender involved in an Aggravated Battery with Serious Injuries (Stabbing), (3) Absconded Wanted Fugitives in (3) unrelated warrants and (3) offenders in (2) unrelated Grand Thefts throughout the beaches, Ocean Drive and the Entertainment District. They are listed below:

Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 2310 Hrs. Case# 2015-97859 (1) Arrest for an Armed Robbery (2201 Collins Ave).

Brief Synopsis: Two subjects became involved in a verbal altercation with the victim, who is taxi cab driver over refusal of payment for the cab fare. Subject(s) then allegedly produced a firearm and pointed it towards the victim as they fled the incident location by running towards the beach area. The Ocean Drive Patrol Squad immediately saturated the area and within minutes Officer A. Castro apprehended one of the offenders within the boardwalk area of the beach. Several Patrol officers from the afternoon/midnight shift also responded in search of these offenders. As Officer G. Monge gathered information from the victim, Officers B. Rhodes (K-9), J. Gonzalez (K-9), R. Chenoweth, D. Nieves, E. Vidal, D. Marotta and O. Marrero established a soft perimeter around the incident location and began in search of the one offender still at large, while maintaining crime scene preservation and locating/interviewing witness (es) on scene. Officer K. Humphry being a senior officer on scene, assumed a leadership role by taking the initiative of reviewing, gathering and disseminating pertinent information that made possible the apprehension of the other offender, which was captured after an extensive search, several blocks away by Officer L. Alisna and Officer W. Baumer. GIU Detective Sgt. A. Soto, Detective

R. Diaz and D. Han are also to be commended for their investigatory efforts in this case. Case cleared by arrest.

Friday, October 16, 2015 at 0041 Hrs. Case#2015-97872/94220 (1) Absconded Sex Trafficking Fugitive/Wanted Grand Theft Subject (1000 block of Ocean Drive).

Brief Synopsis: The Ocean Drive Patrol Squad comprised of Officers A. Porro, D. Alvarez and J. Dominguez were conducting their proactive patrols along Ocean Drive, when they became alerted to Ms. Breonna Carter (Arrestee), after recognizing her from a "Wanted Subject" flyer. Ms. Carter was then taken into custody without incident. During the initial course of the investigation, officers learned that on Tuesday, October 6, 2015, at approximately 2051 hrs, under Case# 2015-94220, Ms. Carter embezzled a "Rolex" men's wrist watch valued at \$10,000.00 shortly after befriending the male victim. A criminal history and or record check of Ms. Carter via NCIC/FCIC revealed she is wanted fugitive out of New York City as of August 27, 2014, for Commercial Sex Trafficking under Case# R2014200487 FW15E00382. Apprehended by Ocean Drive Patrol Squad. Case cleared by arrest.

Friday, October 16, 2015 at 2242 Hrs. Case#2015-98163 (4) Arrest for Strong Arm Robbery/Credit Card Fraud (100 block of 8st).

Brief Synopsis: The Ocean Drive Patrol Squad responded to the 800 Block of Ocean Drive reference to a Taxi-Cab driver that was assaulted and robbed of \$300.00 in cash. All four alleged offenders fled the area following the robbery. Officers immediately apprehended one of the four offenders involved just blocks away from the incident location. The Squad gathered intelligence from the one offender in custody as to the whereabouts of his accomplices. A tactical plan was immediately formulated to apprehend the remaining subjects at large. Within minutes all three remaining offenders were apprehended and arrested by the Ocean Drive Patrol Squad without incident. Investigation revealed that all of the offenders arrested in this case were in possession of fraudulent credit cards and were part of a credit card fraud ring out of New York City and \$3380.00 in cash was seized as a direct result. Case cleared by arrest.

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 2326 Hrs. Case#2015-99672 (1) Arrest for Aggravated Battery-Stubbing (1 Lincoln Road).

Brief Synopsis: The Ocean Drive Patrol Squad responded to 1 Lincoln Road reference to a subject at large that was wanted in connection to an Aggravated Battery (Stubbing) with serious injuries that had just occurred. Within minutes of this violent crime, Officer J. Dominguez, E. Abay, Detectives G. Villamil and R. Sabater located and apprehended the subject. Case cleared by arrest.

Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 0041 Hrs. Case#2015-101956 (2) Arrest for Grand Theft (1400 block of the beach).

Brief Synopsis: On Thursday, October 29, 2015, at approximately 0041 Hrs. our PSCU 911 center received a call from a third party caller (witness) advising they had witnessed a beach theft occur in their presence and had a visual of the alleged offenders. The Ocean Drive Patrol Squad comprised of Officers R. Pimentel, O. Lopez, E. Abay, J. Dominguez, M. Aiken and A. Castro immediately responded and converged in the area of where the alleged offenders were last seen. As the officers were gathering pertinent information from the witness (es) and victim(s), an initial area canvas resulted in negative results, however their relentless attitude in finding these offenders paid off, and after an extensive search of the beach, boardwalk and the sea oats, both offenders were apprehended by the Squad and positively identified by the witness (es) within several block of the incident location. Upon positive identification of the two offenders involved, the Ocean Drive Patrol Squad officers immediately established a rapport with one of the listed offender's. Through their investigative skills, these officers were able to persuade the one offender to lead them to the whereabouts of the stolen items.

The victim(s) property totaling approximately \$5000.00 (Two Apple Mac Pro Laptops, Apple I-Phone and misc. US Currency) were located and recovered within the sea oats. These officers persistent and relentless attitude is what brought these two offenders to justice and the successful recovery of the victim(s) property, who are tourists from San Francisco and New York City. The victim(s) expressed their sincere appreciation and gratitude to all involved (see attached email written by the victim to the Chief of Police). I will also like to commend Det. Han (GIU) for his assistance on this case. Case cleared by arrest.

Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 2040 Hrs. Case#2015-102171 (1) Arrest for a Wanted/Absconded Fugitive Sex Offender Subject (900 block of Ocean Drive).

Brief Synopsis: The Ocean Drive Patrol Squad comprised of Officer D. Alvarez and the above listed squad members were conducting their proactive patrols along Ocean Drive, when they became alerted to Mr. Willard Robert Snyder (Fugitive), after recognizing him from a "Wanted Subject" flyer. Mr. Snyder was then taken into custody without incident and awaiting extradition. Case cleared by arrest.

Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 2326 Hrs. Case#2015-100775 (1) Arrest for a Wanted Grand Theft Subject (900 block of Ocean Drive).

Brief Synopsis: The Ocean Drive Patrol Squad comprised of Officer A. Castro and the above listed squad members were conducting their proactive patrols along Ocean Drive, when they became alerted to Ms. Erin West (Arrestee), after recognizing her from a "Wanted Subject" flyer. Ms. West was then taken into custody without incident. During the initial course of the investigation, officers learned that on Sunday, October 25, 2015, under Case# 2015-100775, Ms. West embezzled a "Rolex" men's wrist watch valued at \$36,000.00 shortly after befriending the male victim. Case cleared by arrest.

Saturday, October 31, 2015 at 0055 Hrs. Case#2015-102533 (1) Arrest for Battery LEO, Resisting Arrest with Violence and Trespass (3000 block of the beach).

Brief Synopsis: On Saturday, October 31, 2015 at approximately 0055 Hrs. during their proactive patrols along the Area #2 beach corridor, the Ocean Drive Patrol Squad comprised of Officer A. Castro, R. Pimentel and O. Lopez observed Mr. Mervin Jones concealed within the darkness of the sea oats while manning a makeshift observation post and looking towards the beach/shoreline area via binoculars in search of potential innocent citizens he can victimize and prey upon. Upon contact, a brief physical altercation ensued between Mr. Jones and the officers. Mr. Jones was subdued and arrested. Investigation revealed, Mr. Jones was in possession of two identification cards belonging to a female by the name of Ms. Stephanie Jaramillo, as well as a black ladies purse that was within feet of Mr. Jones upon arrest. A check of the AEGIS database revealed that Ms. Jaramillo was a victim of a beach Grand Theft that occurred on 10/25/2015 at 27th and the beach at approx. 2015 Hrs. and reported the incident under case# 2015-100969. Det. Han (GIU) responded to debrief and interview the listed offender. Case cleared by arrest.

An audit of the Department's Patrol Statistic database revealed that **the Ocean Drive Patrol Squad led the ENTIRE Police Department in arrests for the Month of October 2015. Total arrests generated by the Ocean Drive Patrol Squad were: (117) Felonies and (78) Misdemeanors, Totaling: (195) Arrest.** These Officers set the bar for others to follow and few to emulate. The Command Staff has expressed their appreciation and gratitude toward the squad's daily hard work ethics.

NOVEMBER 2015:

Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 0147 Hrs. Case#2015-106757 Unresponsive Male Subject (900 block of the

Beach).

Brief Synopsis: Officers Dominguez, Abay and Castro were conducting their proactive patrols along the Lummus Park area, when they became alerted to Mr. Francisco J. Astorga, after observing him unresponsive behind the seawall area, with no pulse activity, while lying in a supine position.

These officers immediately sprang into action, summoned Miami Beach Fire Rescue to the scene and began to administer Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on Mr. Astorga without hesitation. Officers Dominguez, Abay and Castro worked diligently and coordinated their life saving efforts between each other, by rotating individual assignments, consisting of mouth to mouth resuscitation and chest compressions, while utilizing universal precautions. Officers deployed the Automated External Defibrillator (AED), but due to the lack of cardiac activity, the AED was not effective.

These officers worked vigorously and collectively for approximately ten minutes, from the time they came in contact with Mr. Astorga, to the time Miami Beach Fire Rescue #1 personnel arrived on scene and relieved them, initiating their medical protocol for an unresponsive person.

Despite these officers exhausting efforts and immediate life saving measures applied, Mr. Astorga was pronounced deceased on scene at 0204 hours by Miami Beach Fire Rescue #1 personnel.

These officers should be commended for their selfless actions, concentrated efforts and their relentless inner will to fight to the very end, in efforts of saving and or preserving a human life.

Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 0028 Hrs. Case#2015-111452 (1) Arrest for Strong Arm Robbery (1600 block of the Beach).

Brief Synopsis: Officers Pimentel, Lopez and Castro were conducting their proactive ATV patrols along beach, when they became alerted to Mr. Eduardo Betancourt (Arrestee), after he took flight from them.

Officers immediately gave chase on foot and a perimeter was established. During the sequence of events rapidly unfolding, two victims alerted police, that the listed offender they were chasing had just robbed them of their personal property, as they walked along the 1600 block of the Boardwalk.

Miami-Dade Aviation was requested and K-9 Officers B. Rhodes, J. Gonzalez and SWAT Officer R. Vera were summoned to the scene. After an extensive search, the listed offender was apprehended by K-9 Officer Rhodes and his K-9 partner "Hunter" within the established perimeter.

Officers were also successful in locating and recovering all of the victim's property valued at \$1700.00

Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 0347 Hrs. Case#2015-111483 (1) Arrest for Strong Arm Robbery (1000 block of the Beach).

Brief Synopsis: Officers Alvarez and Aiken were conducting their proactive patrols along Ocean Drive and the Lummus Park area, when suddenly over the police radio; a BOLO was issued for a subject wanted in connection to a Strong Arm Robbery with injuries that had just occurred at the 1000 block of Ocean Drive.

The listed officer's immediately began to conduct a search for the offender. Within minutes, Officers Alvarez and Aiken became alerted to Mr. Joel H. Jackson (Arrestee), after observing him running away from the incident location, with a ladies purse in hand and matching the description of the Strong Arm Robbery offender.

Upon contact, the listed offender took flight on foot from officers. Officers immediately gave chase on foot and after a brief physical struggle; he was subdued and taken into custody. The listed offender was positively identified by the victim on scene.

Officers were also successful in locating and recovering all of the victim's property valued at \$3825.00

DECEMBER 2015:

Saturday, December 19, 2015 at 1520-1720 Hrs. Case#2015-118201/PD151106-331743 AOA (2) Arrest/Apprehension for Armed Carjacking/Grand Theft Auto (200 block of 37st).

Brief Synopsis: Sergeant Reina received information from Miami-Dade RID, of a vehicle taken in an Armed Carjacking on November 06, 2015 out of the City of Miami, which was possibly within the City of Miami Beach. Sergeant Reina and Detective Porro used investigative techniques to narrow the search area. The Ocean Drive Patrol Squad canvassed the search area and Officer E. Abay and M. Aiken located the unoccupied vehicle. Sergeant Reina enlisted the assistance of Sergeant Weiss and his CST Team along with Miami-Dade RID units, and surveillance was established. A short time later two subjects entered the vehicle and were taken into custody.

Friday, January 1, 2016 at 0128 Hrs. Case#2016-00000013 (1) Arrest for Aggravated Assault with a Firearm, CCF, Grand Theft, Battery LEO and Resisting Arrest with Violence (900 block of Ocean Drive).

Brief Synopsis: The Ocean Drive Patrol Squad responded to assist Sergeant Flaherty in reference to a male subject that was possibly armed and making threats to security personnel from the nearby establishments. The subject and his female companion were detained pending an investigation. The Ocean Drive Patrol Squad units seized/recovered two firearms on scene. Investigation revealed the male subject was in possession of a stolen firearm that was taken in a Residential Burglary out of St. Petersburg under Case# 2015-055397.

Friday, January 1, 2016 at 0213 Hrs. Case#2016-00000032 (1) Arrest/Apprehension for Aggravated Assault with a Firearm, CCF and Discharge of a Firearm In Public (300 block of the Beach Access Road).

Brief Synopsis: Victims and witnesses were patrons at Wet Willie's when they met with the subject. Victims and witnesses left Wet Willie's to walk home. The subject continued to follow them and instigated an altercation. As the altercation escalated, the subject pulled out a firearm and fired one shot into the ground near the Sea Oats. BOLO issued. The Ocean Drive Patrol Squad (Officers Castro, Pimentel, Alvarez and Aiken) responded to the area, located the subject, and took him into custody without incident. The firearm was recovered / impounded / seized and a spent nine millimeter shell casing was located.

Saturday, January 2, 2016 at 2014 Hrs. Case#2016-00000755 (1) Arrest/Apprehension for Strong Arm Robbery and Grand Theft (1052 Ocean Drive).

Brief Synopsis: Members of the Ocean Drive Patrol Squad became alerted to a subject that was observed fleeing from the above incident location. The listed subject was taken into custody. Investigation revealed that the mentioned subject had just defrauded an Innkeeper (Bill Skip) and in the process, forcibly removed an I-Phone cell phone from a waitress of the establishment. The property taken from the victim was recovered and returned back to the victim without further incident.

Saturday, January 2, 2016 at 2028 Hrs. Case#2015-121425 (1) Arrest/Apprehension for a Wanted Beach Theft/Credit Card Subject (900 block of Lummus park).

Brief Synopsis: Members of The Ocean Drive Patrol Squad (Officer Alvarez and Aiken) were conducting their proactive patrols along Ocean Drive, when they became alerted to male subject (Arrestee), after recognizing him from a "Wanted Subject" flyer. The subject was then taken into custody without incident. Case cleared by arrest.

The listed statistical data was generated from the personnel listed below, including their dates within the Squad for 2015:

Supervisors:

Sergeant E. Spina-Taylor (January 2015 – June 2015)

Sergeant J. Reina (June 2015 – Present)

Officers:

Officer R. Corton (January 2015 – March 2015)

Officer A. Villar (January 2015 – July 2015)

Officer A. Descalzo (January 2015 – August 2015)

Officer A. Dominguez (January 2015 – September 2015)

Officer A. Porro (January 2015 – October 2015)

Officer A. Castro (January 2015 – Present)

Officer R. Pimentel (June 2015 – Present)

Officer O. Lopez (June 2015 – Present)

Officer D. Alvarez (September 2015 – Present)

Officer J. Dominguez (September 2015 – Present)

Officer E. Abay (October 2015 – Present)

Officer M. Aiken (October 2015 – Present)

TOTALS:

Felony Arrest: Misdemeanor Arrest: Case Reports/Supplement/Reports/Report Others:

317

480

1,323

Uniform Traffic Citations:

927