



## DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION

August 10, 2017

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Luchs  
3490 NW 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Coconut Creek, FL 33063

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Luchs:

It is with great pride that I present you this **Department Commendation** for your actions on April 14, 2017.

At approximately 1:50 p.m., Coconut Creek Police Department officers responded to a residence in Karanda V in reference to a subject holding a handgun to his head. The male subject had called a health hotline and advised he was going to kill himself and did not care if the police shot him. Officers immediately set up a perimeter around the home and evacuated the surrounding residences.

You and your wife graciously opened your home and allowed the displaced evacuees to take refuge in your home until the incident was resolved.

Your unselfish and immediate actions that day clearly helped your neighbors stay safe and comfortable for the several hours the standoff lasted.

On behalf of the Coconut Creek Police Department, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your actions. We thank you for getting involved and helping our police department and community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Albert A. Arenal', is written over the 'Sincerely,' text.

ALBERT A. ARENAL  
Chief of Police

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