



DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION

March 10, 2022

Mr. Ted Fixman
4745 NW 59th Manor
Coconut Creek, FL 33073

Dear Mr. Fixman:

It is with great pride that I present you this **Department Commendation** for your actions on January 22, 2022.

Sergeant Tanfulla witnessed a traffic accident on this date. He immediately recognized the at-fault driver to potentially be impaired. As he began to interact with her, she became irate, belligerent, combative, and ultimately refused to comply with his directions. As she attempted to get back in her vehicle, Sergeant Tanfulla gave several orders and tried to detain for everyone's safety.

The incident unfolded so quickly, Sergeant Tanfulla was forced to take immediate action as the subject attempted to run away. While attempting to subdue the subject, passing motorists continued to drive by without stopping, placing not only the subject in harm's way but that of Sergeant Tanfulla.

After witnessing the traffic crash, you saw the struggle and ran toward Sergeant Tanfulla and the combative driver—who were now in the middle of the roadway—and asked if you could assist. Once given permission to assist, you jumped into action and did not hesitate to help Sergeant Tanfulla take the subject into handcuffs. Within minutes of your assistance, responding officers arrived on scene and the subject was detained without further incident.

Without your assistance, this incident could have ended with a catastrophic injury or loss of life. You made a split-second decision and placed yourself in great danger in order to assist a law enforcement officer in need.

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,

ALBERT A. ARENAL
Chief of Police

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