

June 8, 2023

## DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION

Officer Dondrell Luberice Coconut Creek Police Department 4800 West Copans Road Coconut Creek, FL 33063

## Dear Officer Luberice:

It is a great pleasure to present you with the *Lifesaving Award* for the actions you took on April 24, 2023.

You and fellow officers responded to a call of a male who was actively attempting suicide by hanging. Officer Morgan was the first officer on scene and he observed the male subject hanging from his second floor balcony railing by a bed sheet. Officer Morgan began to lift the male up by his legs in order to take tension off of the bed sheet. Officer Schlachter then arrived and was able to cut through the bed sheet with a knife. Officers Morgan and Schlachter then lowered the male to the ground and began rendering aid.

You then arrived on scene and immediately assisted with trying to remove the tightly-tied bed sheet from the male's neck. You stuck your fingers between the bed sheet and the male's neck while Officers Morgan and Schlachter used two sets of trauma sheers to safety cut away the remaining sheet that was obstructing the airway.

Once the sheet was removed, the male began to breathe again. If not for your expedient, life-saving actions, this male victim may have followed through with his suicide attempt and not survived.

For this, it is with great pride that I present you with the department's **Lifesaving Commendation Award**. On behalf of the Coconut Creek Police Department, I would like to extend to you our thanks for an outstanding job.

Sincerely,

ALBERT A. ARENAL

Chief of Police

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