



July 28, 2016

Officer Steven R. James  
Coconut Creek Police Department  
4800 West Copans Road  
Coconut Creek, FL 33063

Dear Officer James:

It is with great pleasure to present you with the *Excellent Police Duty Award* for your actions on January 14, 2016.

You and additional Team 3 officers were dispatched to a residence in South Creek regarding a possible burglary in progress. One Team 3 officer observed the suspect vehicle and the suspects took off, crashed into another vehicle, and bailed out. After a brief foot pursuit, you and Officer McKinney were able to apprehend one suspect. The second suspect continued to flee and, thanks to a great description by one of our officers, a Broward Sheriff's Office deputy was able to apprehend him in Pompano.

Another Team 3 officer linked a critical piece of evidence from one of the subject's pockets to a *Theft from Auto* the previous night. These subjects were clearly on a crime spree that evening including driving a stolen vehicle.

Thanks to your expeditious actions and teamwork, we were able to remove more "bad guys" off our streets. I personally consider this exceptional police work and you are to be commended. Therefore, it is with great pride that I present you with the department's *Exceptional Police Duty Award* for your valuable service and commitment to the citizens of Coconut Creek.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Albert A. Arenal".

ALBERT A. ARENAL  
Chief of Police

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cc: Mary C. Blasi, City Manager  
Pamela J. Kershaw, HR Director  
Acting Deputy Chief, John K. Leonard  
Captain John N. DiCintio, Ops. Bureau Commander