



## DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION

June 8, 2023

Officer Patrick C. Schlachter  
Coconut Creek Police Department  
4800 West Copans Road  
Coconut Creek, FL 33063

Dear Officer Schlachter:

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 observed the male subject hanging from his second floor balcony railing by a bed sheet. He immediately began to lift the male up by his legs in order to take tension off of the bed sheet. You were the next to arrive and were able to cut through the bed sheet with a knife. Both you and Officer Morgan then lowered the male to the ground and began rendering aid.

Officer Luberice then arrived on scene and immediately assisted with trying to remove the tightly-tied bed sheet from the male's neck. Officer Luberice stuck his fingers between the bed sheet and the male's neck while you and Officer Morgan used two sets of trauma sheers to safely 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,

Handwritten signature of Albert A. Arenal in black ink.

ALBERT A. ARENAL  
Chief of Police

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