



DEPARTMENT COMMENDATION

April 13, 2023

Sergeant Dante E. Tanfulla
Coconut Creek Police Department
4800 West Copans Road
Coconut Creek, FL 33063

Dear Sergeant Tanfulla:

It is a great pleasure to present you with the **Lifesaving Award** for the actions you took on December 22, 2022.

You and fellow officers responded to a call of a vehicle that drove into a lake. As one of the first arriving officers, you discovered a partially-submerged vehicle in the lake with a female driver still inside. You immediately jumped in the lake to assist the driver. As you and fellow officers worked diligently to get the female out of the vehicle, she was seen clutching the steering wheel and holding her breath. As the vehicle sank and the interior fully submerged, you were able to get the door open. You and fellow officers then pulled the female out of the vehicle, while she resisted, and pulled her to shore.

Once she was brought to the embankment, Fire Rescue took over. Officers on scene discovered a suicide note left on the north side of the lake written by the female and her personal belongings next to it.

If not for your expedient, life-saving actions, this female victim may have followed through with her 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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