Carmine Marceno Sheriff



State of Florida County of Lee

To:

Captain B. Jakacki

Thru: Lieutenant J. Dektas

Lieutenant B. Faccilonga

From: Sergeant J. Rincon Date: September 30,2020

Re:

Fort Myers Beach Chamber of commerce Deputy of the Month

I would like to nominate Deputy First Class Cecil Fitch Jr. for the Fort Myers Beach Chamber of Commerce Deputy of the Month.

DFC Fitch's actions following up on a stolen license plate during a traffic stop led to the discovery of a suspect who has been targeting West District with dozens of burglaries and thefts... All of West District and the Lee County Sheriff's Office is profoundly grateful to DFC Fitch for his drive and dedication to not only get the job done but to get it done right.

On September 19, 2020, DFC Fitch Jr. conducted a traffic stop at San Carlos Blvd. and Buttonwood Dr. that lead to an arrest and K-9 apprehension of a suspect as well as the questioning of the two passengers of the vehicle with a stolen license plate. The information obtained during the investigation as a result of the traffic stop referenced a man who had been burglarizing countless communities within West District. After interviewing the suspects, West District Criminal Investigation Division obtained several Search Warrants for two trailers as well as a cargo trailer, and vehicle in search of stolen property.

During the search warrants approximately eighteen stolen bikes were recovered (including electric bikes), two pressure washers, an Echo blower, numerous items that belonged to a Country Club Pro shop that was labeled with the golf pro shop label, three golf bags full of clubs, as well as another twenty-seven individual golf clubs. During a different search warrant, even more stolen property was located and Detectives are currently working through those items to locate even more victims.

At the time of this writing, the suspect has not been located for the burglaries however, there are numerous charges pending for his arrest in multiple burglaries; and more information everyday leads to the closure of even more felony cases within West District.

It is my opinion DFC Cecil Fitch Jr should be considered for the Fort Myers Beach Deputy of the Month for his attention to detail, uncanny ability to foresee concern, and unwillingness to accept mediocrity.

Respectfully;

Sergeant Janet Rinco

