



**PLANTATION POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

W. HOWARD HARRISON
Chief of Police

TO: OFFICER DALE CLARK

FROM: CHIEF W. HOWARD HARRISON *WHH*

SUBJECT: DISTINGUISHED PERFORMANCE AWARD

DATE: AUGUST 20, 2010

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I received a memorandum from Officer Ed Ryan recommending that you receive a Distinguished Performance Award in recognition for your stellar tactical handling of a stolen vehicle with multiple suspects on July 23, 2010.

The Awards Board met on August 9, 2010, and agreed that you be given a Distinguished Performance Award for your exceptional professionalism and commitment to duty.

I have scheduled the following date and time for you to receive the award and ribbon.

**Wednesday, August 25, 2010
6:00 a.m. in the Briefing Room**

Please let me know if you cannot attend.

WHH: tmk



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W. HOWARD HARRISON
Chief of Police

TO: ALL PERSONNEL
FROM: CHIEF W. HOWARD HARRISON *WHH*
SUBJECT: AWARD CEREMONY
DATE: AUGUST 20, 2010

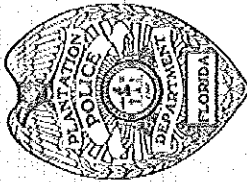
Please join me in congratulating the officers listed below who were selected to receive an award.

DISTINGUISHED PERFORMANCE AWARD

OFFICER DALE CLARK

The presentation of the award will be held on Wednesday, August 25, 2010 at 6:00 a.m., in the Briefing Room.

WHH: tmk



DISTINGUISHED
PERFORMANCE AWARD

PRESENTED TO

Officer Dale Clark

*For exceptional performance of an
assigned task that demonstrates
professionalism and commitment to duty.*

W. Howard Harrison

W. HOWARD HARRISON, CHIEF OF POLICE

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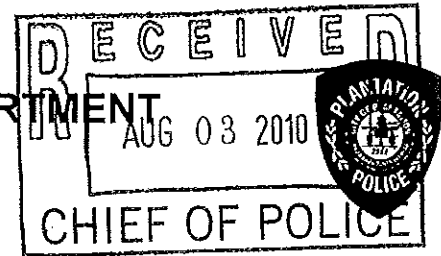
TO: Chief W. Howard Harrison
FROM: Deputy Chief Michael DeLeo (2)
SUBJECT: Distinguished Performance Award
DATE: August 9, 2010
COPIES: Captain Pat McGowan

The Awards Board received the attached nomination for Officer Dale Clark. The Awards Board has determined that Officer Clark should receive the department's Distinguished Performance Award for her actions on July 23, 2010.



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MEMORANDUM



TO: Chief Harrison (via Chain of Command)
FROM: Ofc. E. Ryan *[Signature]*
SUBJECT: Distinguished Performance Award Nomination (Case #1007001363)
DATE: July 29, 2010
COPIES:

On 072310 officers from this agency were dispatched to a suspicious person call, possible stolen vehicle in progress in the Lake Park Gardens complex, 4791 NW 10 Ct.. The information given by dispatch advised a group of people were attempting to load a car onto a trailer in the parking lot. The trailer was being pulled by a gray pickup truck. The caller felt the car being loaded onto the trailer may possibly be in the process of being stolen by the group because one of the subjects in the group was suspected of stealing another vehicle out of the complex parking lot on a previous date. Ofc. Dale Clark arrived on scene in less than a minute of being dispatched and immediately observed the situation the caller had contacted the police department about. The following is an excerpt from Ofc. Clark's report as to what occurred as she approached the scene:

"As I drove westbound into the complex, I saw the pickup facing east in the roadway. The trailer and Honda were several feet away. Carlisle and Robinson were at the rear of the trailer and appeared to be in the process of loading it. Two subjects were standing between the pickup and the trailer, truck owner/driver w/m Ronald Sejba and his friend, b/m Joseph Dawson. Sejbas` girlfriend Marluys Rodriquez was sitting in the truck. As I drove up, blocking the truck and exiting my marked police vehicle, several things happened simultaneously: Upon seeing me, Carlisle and Robinson ran from the Honda towards another car (green Honda) which was parked in Linda Carlises` assigned space in front of her building. (see cs#1007001364 by Ofc. E. Ryan) They started to enter the car. At this point, a full size black pickup truck, unknown driver, drove e/bound from the area of the clubhouse at a high rate of speed, driving over the grass and into the parking lot by the green Honda. The truck came to a sudden stop just past Carlisle and Robinson, who ran towards it. Before they got to the truck, it sped off east bound, through the grass and over a curb, leaving the complex. Instead of returning to the green Honda, they both ran southbound through the complex, and I lost site of them. While this was occurring, Sejba and Dawson got in their truck, Sejba driving. He slowly began to pull forward. As I was standing directly in the trucks path, I drew my service weapon and ordered them out of the truck and onto the ground. They complied. Shortly thereafter, back up officers arrived on scene to assist me."

As you can clearly see from Ofc. Clark's account of this incident she was now in the middle of a rapidly developing incident that presented numerous suspects, vehicles and officer safety issues. As the first responding backup officer, listening to Ofc. Clark's radio transmissions as I was enroute, I believe that she handled this incident with stellar tactics and professionalism. As this all unfolded Ofc. Clark was able to detain three of the six suspects and keep three



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of the four vehicles involved on scene. As she was doing this she was also communicating clear radio transmissions to responding backup officers which included descriptions of the suspects fleeing the area on foot to include their direction of travel, the description of the fleeing truck and its direction of travel and the description of the suspects she had detained on scene. To make matters even more difficult Ofc. Clark was doing this as she was receiving verbal resistance from the suspects on scene that could clearly be heard in the background of her radio transmissions. It should be noted the suspects who remained on scene included a pregnant female and two males, one of which was approximately 6'00" and 220 lbs. and the other who was approximately 6'02" and 280 lbs.. Both of these males are much larger than Ofc. Clark but she still maintained her composure and tactics. Ofc. Clark did an exceptional job of handling this situation by herself until backup responded to assist her. After backup arrived Ofc. Clark conducted a thorough investigation which developed the identities of the two subjects that fled the scene on foot. A Honda stolen out of the City of Sunrise was recovered and the second Honda which was possibly an unreported stolen vehicle was also impounded and held for proof of ownership.

Ofc. Clark was dispatched to this call but due to her immediate arrival on scene and the rapid developments that occurred she had no time to develop a tactical plan. Ofc. Clark clearly fell back on her training and experience which in my opinion served her well. It is for this reason that I bring this matter to your attention so Ofc. Clark could be properly recognized for her actions.

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A 7/29/10
Great job!

Capt. Brian [Signature]
7-30-10