

Lifesaving Award
Officers Susan Corbett, William Pleasants and Craig Boermeester

On June 11, 2009, Officer Susan Corbett was dispatched to a call from a female resident concerned for the welfare of her husband.

As the investigation unfolded, Officer Corbett discovered the husband has been severely depressed due to his failed business. Furthermore, he left his home in Plantation and was out of contact with his family for several hours. Family members attempted repeatedly to call the missing man's cellular telephone without success. The family expressed to Officer Corbett how unusual this was for him, coupled with his recent state of depression; they grew concerned for his safety and feared he may harm himself.

Officer Corbett, with the help of Officers William Pleasants and Craig Boermeester, began to search the area. Officer Corbett entered the missing man in the teletype system as a missing/endangered person and issued a B.O.L.O. (Be On the Look Out) for him and his vehicle.

Officer Corbett contacted the missing man's cellular carrier, Verizon Wireless. She attempted to obtain a location on him, using the phone's GPS system. The representative from Verizon Wireless was only able to provide the last location of a received call. This was in the Central Park area in Plantation. Officers Pleasants and Boermeester were now able to minimize their search radius.

Officer Corbett found out that the missing man's vehicle was equipped with a GPS service through BMW, which would locate his vehicle. Officer Corbett learned the vehicle was somewhere north of Broward Boulevard and around NW 84th Avenue. Officers Pleasants and Boermeester concentrated their efforts on that area.

Officer Pleasants located the missing man in his vehicle at the Broward County Library, 8601 W. Broward Blvd., on the 2nd floor of the parking garage. With the assistance of Officer Boermeester, the two officers were able to secure him until medical aid could arrive; he intentionally cut his wrists in hopes to end his life. He was safely secured and transported to Westside Regional Hospital for medical treatment and Baker Acted for mental evaluation.

It was the combined efforts of these officers, using their years of investigative experience and knowledge that led them to locate the missing man, which undoubtedly saved his life.

For their fast efforts and teamwork Officers Susan Corbett, William Pleasants and Craig Boermeester were awarded the Plantation Police Department's Life Saving Award.