



PALM BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICER OF THE MONTH  
April 2015

***Officer Christopher Machate***

Based on your proactive enforcement, diligence and professionalism, you have been nominated and named by the Awards Committee and the Director of Public Safety as the Palm Beach Department's Officer of the Month for April 2015.

On Friday, April 3, 2015, you discovered a female who had just escaped after being held captive and beaten in her vehicle by her boyfriend. The female victim was found to be bleeding from her nose, chin, and mouth and had severe burns on her hands. The female stated her boyfriend had struck her several times with a metal pipe and attempted to burn her by pouring alcohol on her body and lighting her on fire. The female explained that she was able to escape when her boyfriend was involved in a single car accident on Palm Beach, where he fled the scene in her car. The victim advised that her boyfriend is a member of the Latin Kings who was in possession of a firearm and was going to shoot any law enforcement that came in contact with him.

Prior to the female being transported to the hospital for treatment, you were able to ascertain pertinent information about the suspect that was quickly relayed to patrol units that were canvassing the area.

Upon leaving the scene and following Palm Beach Fire Rescue to the hospital in your police vehicle, you alertly spotted the suspect vehicle, calmly and clearly transmitted your location, and then tactically conducted a felony traffic stop. Based on the information you transmitted, back-up units were able to respond quickly. As a result, the suspect was apprehended without incident. He was subsequently arrested by you for Carjacking, Aggravated Assault, False Imprisonment and Leaving the Scene of an Accident with Injuries.