



MEMORANDUM

To: Mr. Billy Peppers, City Manager
From: Mark J. Mitchell, Chief of Police
Date: January 31, 2017
Ref: Council Agenda item

Please accept this memorandum as an official request to place the following on the Council Agenda for Thursday, February 16, 2017.

Citizen Recognition

On Monday, January 23, 2017 at 1246 hrs., Officers responded to the Burger King located off Marietta Highway in reference to a witness, Mr. Chris Dove, who called 911 to report a suspicious black male in a dark colored SUV attempting to break into a pick-up truck in the rear parking lot of the restaurant. As units along with other agency personnel responded, dispatch advised the male was leaving the Burger King and turned right onto Marietta Highway. Additionally, the 911 caller advised a female that was also in the suspicious vehicle, was dropped off by the male and walked into the eatery.

Responding units quickly made contact with the suspicious SUV and initiated a traffic stop near Knox Bridge Highway. At the same time, Officers were able to make contact with Mr. Dove and secure a statement and a video that he recorded of the male attempting to make entry into a truck with a screwdriver. Mr. Dove also recorded the suspect vehicle and the female as she walked away from the Burger King and over near the Ollie's Merchandise store. Units intercepted the suspicious female before she was able to leave the area. At that point, both the male and female were taken into custody and transported to the department for further questioning. The vehicle was secured and towed from the scene as Detectives worked to obtain a search warrant in an effort to recover stolen property.

Earlier in the day, Officers documented five (5) Entering Auto incidents where the method of entry was the same as the aforementioned criminal activity. During the traffic stop of the SUV the male was operating, Officers observed several items that appeared to have been taken from the vehicles that were entered previously in the day. Detectives confirmed the male and female were involved in all of the Entering Auto

crimes that day due to interview admissions of culpability and findings of the search warrant when it was executed as numerous stolen items were located that belonged to the victims of these crimes. In fact, when valuables were recovered, Detectives discovered one (1) of the stolen items was taken during an Entering Auto incident last week in Woodstock, Ga. and another incident that happened during the same period here in our City.

As you can see, Mr. Chris Dove's quick response and diligence to get involved played a key role in bringing this incident to a successful resolution. His call to 911, capture of video evidence and work with our Officers ensured these individuals were removed off the streets in our community, which greatly works to improve the quality of life for those we serve.

I think it is important that Mr. Dove's actions are recognized before the City Council Meeting, scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 6:00 pm. I have already contacted Mr. Dove and confirmed his availability to attend the event. We will prepare a Citizen Partnership Certificate to be presented to him during the meeting.

Thank you for your time and attention to this request and please contact me if you have any questions.



Mark J. Mitchell
Chief of Police

cc: Asst. Chief Stephen Merrifield, Police Administration
Capt. Jeff Tucker, Operations Bureau
Capt. Wendell Turner, Support Services Bureau