

Commendation



DISTINGUISHED UNIT

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

Corporal Robert Heim, Detective Charles King, and Officer Devon Auge

On November 10, 2021, Police Officers from the Lower Providence Township Police Department were dispatched to a motor vehicle theft from B&M Auto Repair. Officers arrived on scene and were met by the owners of the business, who provided video surveillance of the incident. The suspect, later identified as Christopher Harman, was seen arriving in a Jeep Grand Cherokee, which was discovered later to be stolen out of West Pottsgrove Township, Montgomery County. Harman was observed rummaging through multiple vehicles and eventually stole another vehicle from the business parking lot.

On November 17, 2021, the owners of B&M Auto Repair requested the assistance of police for an additional theft. Officers arrived on scene and observed video surveillance from this incident that coincided with the previous incident and the suspect appeared to be the same individual. During this theft, the suspect stole four vehicle tires and scrap car batteries.

The investigation continued into the next day when a plan was developed that included surveillance during the overnight hours. Corporal Robert Heim directed Officer Devon Auge to take an unmarked police vehicle to B&M Auto Repair at 1:00 AM on November 18, 2021. At approximately 1:20 AM, Officer Auge observed Harman walk onto the property of B&M Auto Repair, open the driver side door to a parked vehicle, and begin searching the interior. Within minutes, Corporal Heim arrived on location with Officer Auge and they made contact with Harman. Harman was taken into custody, then transported to Lower Providence Police Department to be interviewed by Detective Charles King. During the interview, Harman confessed to both thefts at B&M Auto Repair along with the theft of a vehicle from West Pottsgrove Township. Subsequently, Christopher Harman was charged with several counts of Theft by Unlawful Taking, Theft from a Motor Vehicle, Receiving Stolen Property, and Loitering and Prowling at Night.

Your participation in this incident and the safe apprehension of the suspect represents an outstanding accomplishment in the protection of life and property. This accomplishment was made as a result of teamwork with decisive and professional actions, strategies, and tactics. Accordingly, this Distinguished Unit Citation is being conferred upon you in conformance with General Order 303 before the Board of Supervisors of Lower Providence Township on this 3rd day of March 2022.

By Order Of,

Michael Jackson
Chief of Police