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Date: September 7, 2022
To: Officer Raymond Chieu & Lt. David Tempesta
From: Chief John Carmichael
Ref: Commendation Arrest – Incident#22031561

Please accept this letter of commendation as an acknowledgement and testament to the exceptional police work demonstrated by each of you during a recent arrest relative to postal theft.

In referring to Newton Police Department Incident #22031561, on 09/06/2022, the Newton Police Department in coordination with the US. Postal Inspector, and the Office of Inspector General executed an operations plan in response to increased thefts from mail box depositories in the area, including the City of Newton.

During the early morning hours of the sting operation, Postal Inspector Gugliotta notified units of suspicious activity in progress at the Auburndale Post Office, consistent with the unlawful entry of a postal mail box.

Lt. Tempesta responded to the scene and discovered Inspector Gugliotta holding a suspect on the ground. Lt. Tempesta immediately converged and handcuffed one hand of the suspect, at which time the individual actively resisted arrest. Officer Chieu quickly arrived on scene as officers were able to successfully gain control of the suspect and handcuff him.

As one individual was taken into custody several items of evidentiary value were located in proximity to the arrest and items were seized.



As a result of this investigation, two suspects had approached the mailbox and made overt movements to access the mailbox. As this act occurred, Inspector Gugliotta immediately notified Newton units of the activity, when he approached the suspects who ran on foot. Inspector Gugliotta gave chase and was able to stop and detain one suspect, as the second suspect entered a vehicle and fled the scene at a high rate of speed.

According to the Newton Police Department NIBRS submissions, theft, including reports of fraud and check fraud have increased from 13 in 2021 to 102 cases in 2022. Some of these cases stem from mailbox depository theft, which has become an increasing trend in the area.

In response to these crimes, Inspector Gugliotta, Officer Chieu, Lt. David Tempesta, the Newton Police Department, the US. Postal Inspector, and the Office of Inspector General have demonstrated that this type of criminality will not be tolerated in the city as evidenced by the relentless effort to detect, charge and prosecute these acts of breaking into depositories and committing larceny.

In conclusion of this investigation, the suspect was charged with B&E Depository, Receiving Stolen Property, Conspiracy, Resisting Arrest, A&B Police Officer, and providing false name during booking.

I sincerely appreciate the efforts and professionalism demonstrated by Lt. Tempesta and Officer Chieu and their quick response in assisting Inspector Gugliotta in the arrest of this suspect. As such, I commend our officers for a job well done.

Respectfully,



Chief John Carmichael

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