Merit Award



Is Hereby Awarded To

Officer John Banister

For Outstanding Service to the Jupiter Police Department and the Citizens of the Town of Jupiter



On May 31, 2005, Officer John Banister arrested a juvenile for possession of narcotics paraphernalia. While conducting an inventory of the prisoner's property he located a driver's license that did not belong to the juvenile. He contacted the man on the license and discovered that he was a victim of a vehicle burglary. Officer Banister met with the juvenile the next day at the Police Department along with his mother and conducted an extensive interview that led to the juvenile confessing to 14 vehicle burglaries and two house burglaries. Officer Banister accompanied the suspect to this home and recovered a quantity of the stolen property.

Due to Officer Banister's perseverance and excellent investigative skills numerous burglaries were cleared.

This 28th day of February 2006

Frank J. Katzerow Chief of Police