

BAL HARBOUR


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OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER

LETTER TO COUNCIL

NO. 158-2019

TO: Mayor Gabriel Groisman and Members of the Village Council

FROM: Jorge M. Gonzalez, Village Manager 

DATE: October 25, 2019

SUBJECT: General Compliment - Bal Harbour Village Police Department

The purpose of this Letter to Council (LTC) is to share with you a positive public comment received from Mr. Thomas Fortier, Property Manager at the Bellini Condominiums. In his letter to Chief Flowers, Mr. Fortier expressed his gratitude to the Bal Harbour Police Department for their response, investigative follow-up and arrest of an individual who breached the property and committed felony crimes.

On Sunday, October 20th at approximately 2:45 am, Bal Harbour officers were summoned by Bellini security personnel regarding three black males that entered the property. Surveillance footage captured one of the males entering the property from the south side of the building. The male walked to the rear of the property and opened the beach access gate to allow the two other males access to the property. He then re-entered the building and removed three key fobs from the valet key box.

The males were interrupted by security and fled the property through the rear. Our Bal Harbour Police team immediately launched a follow-up investigation, and through their extensive investigative efforts were able to identify, arrest and apprehend the male who removed the key fobs within 10 hours after the initial crime. Bal Harbour investigators secured a full confession and recovered two of the three key fobs. Investigators are following up on additional leads to apprehend the other perpetrators.

Our officers' swift response and follow-up investigation resulted in the arrest of the primary person responsible for the crime.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Chief Raleigh Flowers directly.

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BAL HARBOUR ON THE OCEAN

October 21, 2019


Bal Harbour Police Department
9700 Collins Avenue
Suite 208
Bal Harbour, FL 33154

Dear Police Chief Flowers,

My name is Thomas Fortier and I am the Property Manager for the Bellini Condominium Association, Inc. located at 10225 Collins Avenue, Bal Harbour, FL 33154. On behalf of the owners and residents of the Bellini, I would like to take this opportunity to commend The Bal Harbour Police Department for the exceptional job they did in responding, investigating and apprehending the suspect involved in our security breach that occurred on Sunday, October 20th.

Detective Gonzalez, his team and all the officers involved were expeditious in their work, communicated with great professionalism and demonstrated care and compassion to our situation. We are so very fortunate to have such an incredible team serving the residents of the Village of Bal Harbour.

Respectfully yours,



Thomas Fortier, LCAM
Bellini Condominium Association, Inc.
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cc: Jorge Gonzales, Village Manager
Bal Harbour Village Council