

REPORTING OFFICER NARRATIVE

Boca Raton Police Department

Victim	Offense	OCA 2020-010293
	<i>OTHER DISTURBANCE</i>	Date / Time Reported Sun 09/13/2020 11:02

On September 13, 2020 at approximately 1102 hours, I responded to the area of 50 NE 1st Avenue (Tucci's) in reference to a traffic complaint. Upon arrival, I met with the complainant, City of Boca Raton Parking Enforcement Officer Catherine Clairvil (ID #17759). According to Clairvil, several vehicles had parked in the city owned and operated parking lot located at 25 NE 2nd Street but had not paid the required metered rate. Furthermore, several vehicles were parked in the same parking lot location, but were outside the marked parking spaces. At this time, the operators and passengers of the aforementioned vehicles were standing and socializing outside of their vehicles. They were instructed that all vehicles must be parked properly within the marked parking spaces, and all occupied parking spaces must be paid for. At this time, all subjects complied accordingly without incident. Clairvil confirmed that the major parking problems were remedied and no parking citations were issued during the incident.

Several attendees indicated that the organizer of the event was located at Aletto Brothers Jewelers, located at 119 East Palmetto Park Road. Contact was then established with property owner, Alberto Aletto. According to Aletto, he was having a gathering at his business and stated that some patrons would be parking on the public parking spaces in the roadway. Aletto indicated that he would instruct any patrons to adhere to local city ordinances, obey all traffic laws, and ensure parking meters were paid.

During this time, numerous vehicles were parked along the street side parking in the areas of NE 1st Avenue and East Boca Raton Road. A quick influx of vehicles arrived to the area, parking along the roadway, in Mizner Park, and in numerous business shopping plazas. As a result of the swift arrival of the vehicles, roadways in the downtown area became severely congested. The vehicles were parked in a showcasing manner, indicative of a car show. Spectators and vehicle owners then began to congregate and walk in the roadways, obstructing traffic flow within the area.

Due to several hundred vehicles and a mass arrival of several hundred people that were congregating for a common event, it was determined that a non-permitted event was established. Aletto was educated on the city ordinance 13-101, which requires a permit for any organization, promotion, or advertising a special event unless a permit was obtained from the city. As such, Aletto cancelled the event until proper permitting was obtained from the city. Several Boca Raton Police Services Department Officers, along with several detail units, assisted with traffic direction and flow from the dispersal of the vehicles from the area. All attendees, patrons, and vehicles left the area without major incident.

Boca Raton Police Services Department officers assisted with high visibility patrol in large parking lots and common gathering areas to discourage the reconvening of the car show within city limits. Florida Atlantic University requested assistance from Boca Raton Police Services Department due to several cars arriving on campus in an attempt to restart the car show. All vehicles left the campus and city limits without incident.

No further traffic complaints or car shows were reported within the city for the remainder of the shift.

Boca Raton City Code Enforcement was notified of the incident for possibly follow up.