



*(Pictured from left to right: Chief Mark A. Toomey, Sergeant U. Mark Freeman, Officer Jason Gerhart, Officer Daniel Mulligan, and Officer Ryan Sheehan.)*

On December 19, 2013, officers from the Upper Providence Township Police Department were invited to the William J. Greene Federal Building in Philadelphia for a FBI Philadelphia Violent Crime Task Force awards ceremony. The officers were presented with the FBI Director's Certificate for their efforts in the pursuit, arrest, and assistance during the investigation handled by the Violent Crime Task Force.

On November 3, 2012, Limerick Township Police Department Officers were dispatched to a robbery in progress at the Ultra Diamonds store within the Philadelphia Premium Outlets. Three actors smashed a glass display case and stole several Rolex watches and fled in a red vehicle. The vehicle exited the parking lot and headed in the direction of Route 422 East. Limerick Township Police advised surrounding police departments of the description of the vehicle, the actors, and their location of travel. Officers Jason Gerhart, Daniel Mulligan, Ryan Sheehan, and Sergeant U. Mark Freeman were able to locate the aforementioned vehicle on Route 422 East in Upper Providence Township. The officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop of the vehicle; however, the operator failed to yield and a pursuit ensued.

During the course of the pursuit, one of the actors was seen throwing a bag out of their window. Pursuing officers radioed in the location of the discarded bag. Another officer was able to respond to the area and recovered the bag, which contained the stolen Rolex watches. Upper Providence Officers continued to pursue the vehicle into Chester County. The vehicle pursuit terminated in Phoenixville

Borough, where the actors abandoned their vehicle and fled. A foot pursuit ensued which resulted in the capture of all three actors.

Following the arrest of the three subjects, an FBI investigation led to the apprehension of several others involved in an organized crime operation that committed armed robberies of jewelry stores in the Philadelphia area.