

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

**TO:** MAJOR RAUL PEDROSO  
ASC CHAIRPERSON

**DATE:** DECEMBER 3, 2012

**FROM:** SERGEANT LONNIE HILL  
PROPERTY CRIMES UNIT

**SUBJECT:**  
AWARDS/HONOR  
NOMINATION



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It is with great honor and respect that I submit the nomination of Detective John Carrasco for Officer of the Month of November 2012. On November 21, 2012, while patrolling in an unmarked capacity as part of the Property Crimes Unit's Burglary Detail in the areas 9, 10, 13, and 17, Detective Carrasco observed a black male riding a bicycle southbound on the 4300 block of Monserrate Street pulling a suitcase on wheels. Unbeknownst to Detective Carrasco the black male subject had just committed a burglary to the residence at 3905 Monserrate Street. The details of Detective Carrasco's excellent and self-initiated police work are detailed below.

Detective Carrasco observed a black male riding a bicycle southbound on the 4300 block of Monserrate Street pulling a suitcase with wheels. He followed the black male and notified Detective Manny. Rivero (ID#7778). Detective M. Rivero continued to follow the black male and then made the decision to stop him at the 400 block of Blue Road. Detectives Rivero and Carrasco made contact with the black male and asked permission to look inside the suitcase. Prior to them opening the suitcase the black male advised the property inside belonged to his sister. The black male verbally agreed and allowed them to check the contents of the suitcase. They opened the suitcase and found a variety of electronic devices, a Florida Drivers License, and a credit card. The Florida Drivers License and the credit card belonged to Claudia Laverde (victim two). Further investigation revealed the black male to be Jacquavas T. Hester (offender one). While interviewing J. Hester they noticed his white shirt was dirty and he had several blood marks on his arms. They inquired as to why he was bleeding from the arm and he responded by saying, 'those are old scars'. The drops of blood on J. Hester's arms were fresh. Based on the information provided from the initial investigation, Detective Carrasco read J. Hester Miranda warnings per card and he consequently refused to speak anymore.

Detective I. Perez (ID#7981) then responded to the scene, looked at the iPad inside the suitcase and located a contact number for the eventual victim (C. Laverde). Detective Perez contacted victim Laverde and she said she lived at 3905 Monserrate Street. The Property Crimes Units responded to the victim's residence and confirmed the residence was burglarized. Detective I. Perez (ID#7981), Detective A. Cachinero (ID#7981), Detective B. Baena (ID#8345), Detective M. Poirier (ID#8293), and Detective M. Rivero (ID#7778) responded to 3905


Monserrate Street and met with Victim C. Laverde. She was able to identify all of the property as hers and the property was returned to her on scene.

Further investigation revealed that Offender J. Hester entered the residence through a side efficiency door without permission and took property from the residence totaling approximately \$3000.00 (three thousand dollars). Offender J. Hester caused damage to several other exterior portions of the residence while trying to gain entry before being successful. Those areas were a bathroom impact window and an impact glass door totaling approximately \$7000.00 (seven thousand dollars). Offender J. Hester was placed under arrest and transported to Dade County Jail after processing.

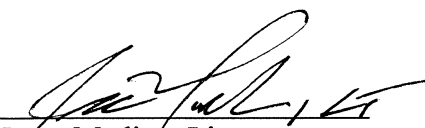
Due to Detective Carrasco's excellent observation skills, diligence and work ethic a burglary subject was apprehended and recovery of the victim's stolen property was made possible. It is for this self-initiated action that I submit this recommendation

**REVIEWED BY:**


**DATE**

  
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Lonnie Hill, Sergeant  
Property Crimes Unit

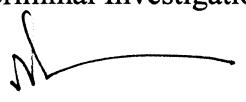
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