## CITY OF CORAL GABLES

## - MEMORANDUM -

TO:

MAJOR JOHN BAUBLITZ

DATE:

JUNE 18, 2025

ASC CHAIRMAN

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FROM:

SERGEANT ALEJANDRO ESCOBAR

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**SUBJECT:** 

DETECTIVE OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER NOMINATION

I would like to nominate Detective Casey Rivera from the Youth Resource Unit for Detective of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2025. Detective Rivera demonstrated excellent investigatory skills and hands on approach in handling a complex investigation involving eight subjects and arresting five of them in a timely fashion. Two cases were cleared due to her work ethic, investigative skillset and determination.

Synopsis: Cases # 25-002391, 25-002392, and 25-002393

On April 14, 2025, at approximately 1955 hours, five juveniles entered a construction site located at the 100 block of San Lorenzo Ave. While inside the construction site, the juveniles can be seen tampering with a forklift and one of the juveniles enters the vehicle and begins driving it. The juvenile can be seen driving the vehicle on to Orange Street and began driving in circles. The males took turns driving the vehicle and did so until approximately 2003 hours, parking the vehicle along the Northside of the street. The males are seen moving the forklift on to the middle of street and then running away eastbound once a white van approaches the area.

A BOLO was distributed, and Detective Rivera was able to identify the above-mentioned defendants as students from her assigned school (Ponce De Leon Middle School), and she had encounters with the above-mentioned defendants. Subsequently, she arrested five of the juveniles and obtained a full confession from three of the juveniles. Detective Rivera also coordinated the processing of all five juveniles within policy, which in itself took a great deal of organization and planning.

Detective Rivera's relentless search for justice and compassion demonstrated for the juvenile offenders clearly demonstrated the delicate balance of handling juvenile offenders in hopes of turning their future in the right direction.

For these reasons, I wholeheartedly believe Detective Rivera is truly worthy of Detective of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter, 2025.

## **REVIEWED BY:**

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**DATE:** 

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