



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
March 26, 2019**

ITEM TITLE:

Congratulations to Officer Kristopher Clute, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month Award,” for the month of February 2019.

BRIEF HISTORY:

On February 21, 2019, a female victim was walking at the 200 Block of Altara Avenue, when she was approached by the Subject. The Subject pointed to the Victim's purse, implied he had a firearm in his bag by using a hand gesture and demanded her property. The Victim immediately fled the scene and called 911. Officer Clute was dispatched to the Armed Robbery and a B.O.L.O. was issued for the Armed Subject.

As Officer Clute was en route to the Armed Robbery, he observed the Subject matching the B.O.L.O. description getting onto a Coral Gables Trolley occupied by numerous passengers. Officer Clute initiated a traffic stop on the trolley and was able to take the Subject into custody without incident. Officer Clute conducted a show-up and the Victim positively identified the Subject as the person who committed the armed robbery. Although there was a 20 minute time delay from when the incident occurred till the Victim called 911 , Officer Clute observed the Subject within 3 minutes of the call being dispatched.

Due to Officer Clute's keen observation skill and his police instinct, the Subject was removed from the occupied trolley and taken into custody without incident. Officer Clute has been a police officer for the Coral Gables Police Department for approximately fifteen years and continues to serve the citizens of Coral Gables with professionalism and compassion.

Officer Clute should be commended for his actions and awarded Officer of the Month for February 2019.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. **Nomination memo**