



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
August 22, 2023**

ITEM TITLE:

Congratulations to Officer Thiago Falcao Costa Gribel, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month Award,” for the month of May 2023.

BRIEF HISTORY:

On May 15, 2023, Officer Thiago Falcao (11708) was dispatched to 305 Alcazar Av (Banana Berry) reference a domestic violence call where the victim was attempting to hide from the offender. Officer Falcao was able to quickly arrive and observe the offender attempt to walk away from the scene. Without hesitation, he was able to catch up to and detain the offender while other officers safely located the victim. It was discovered the offender had an extensive criminal past including human trafficking. The victim also stated the offender, her boyfriend, hit her and attempted to take her phone away. The offender was arrested and taken to TGK.

In the month of May, Officer Falcao has demonstrated he is motivated and determined to be a great asset to our agency. After being assigned a special detail to check inside of Rotary Park (512 Ponce De Leon Blvd) reference trash belonging to vagrants left inside the park, he frequently conducted foot patrols at the location. On May 16, 2023, he identified a subject sleeping inside the park with his property nearby. After making contact with the subject, Officer Falcao was able to verify Camillus House had a bed available. The homeless individual accepted the offer, however, he advised he gets anxious inside of police vehicles. Officer Falcao was able to find a solution by offering the subject a bus ride to Camillus house and he took a photo of the subject before releasing him at the bus station. Offer Falcao was able to resolve an ongoing quality of life issue within our city while still showing compassion to an individual in need of assistance.

These instances are not the exception for Officer Falcao, it has been the norm for him since he has been released on his own from the Field Training Program. Officer Falcao wrote 3 other Field Contacts this month that were self-initiated in reference to subjects that were known to cause disturbances within our city. In the month of May, he has outperformed all the other officers on Bravo Shift in almost every category, which is something he has done consistently since he has been released on his own. Even though Officer Thiago Falcao is a rookie officer who is still learning the many aspects of law enforcement, I believe his hard work and perseverance should be recognized.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. **Nomination memo**