



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
November 13, 2018**

ITEM TITLE:

Congratulations to Officer Gordon Dickinson, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for the month of September, 2018.

BRIEF HISTORY:

On September 11, 2018, at approximately 2243 hours (Charlie Shift), Officer Gordon Dickinson (ID #7079) was working roving patrol in the north end of the city (Zone 3) in reference to numerous amounts of burglaries that had occurred to vehicles in that area. Officer Dickinson was aware of a burglary to a vehicle that was recently dispatched on Capri Street. Shortly after he was flagged down by citizens at 1603 Columbus Avenue (18-6175) and being advised that their two vehicles were just burglarized.

Officer Dickinson conducted a vigilant search for the subject(s), advising he believed that they were moving in a westbound direction toward Red Road. Officer Dickinson then observed lights moving around at 1429 Sorolla Avenue. He asked via the radio if there were any units on this block reference observing someone with a flashlight that was illuminated. As Officer Dickinson approached the residence he observed three individuals with flashlights inside a vehicle. He activated his emergency lights and observed two male suspects and a female suspect jump out of the car and run in different directions. Officer Dickinson gave chase on foot, advising of a description and a direction of travel of the subjects, two subjects ran north (rear of home) and one subject ran east. Sgt. Erasmo Lopez set up the perimeter.

After the perimeter was set up, the residents at 1430 Milan Avenue called the Coral Gables Police Department advising that they heard footsteps coming from their roof. Officer Dickinson and his canine partner "Stitch" arrived at 1430 Milan Avenue and started a search. Stitch alerted to a belt that was located on the east side of the residence. Officer Dickinson then noticed a ladder propped up against the rear of the home. Officer Dickinson and a backup officer went up the ladder and located the two male subjects hiding on the roof. Both subjects surrendered without incident.

Thanks to Officer Dickinson's keen observation skills, two subjects were apprehended minutes after the crimes had occurred. Three vehicle burglary cases and one occupied burglary to a structure were solved because of Officer Dickinson's diligent work. (18-6173, 18-6176, 18-6178 and 18-6204). There is no doubt these subjects would have continued victimizing several residents and depriving them of their property had Officer Dickinson not intervened. These solved cases are the reason I believe Officer Dickinson is deserving of the Officer of the Month Award for September 2018.

Note: It is believed that the two subjects that were arrested were also involved in a vehicle burglary at 1041 Milan Avenue (18-6185) that was found the next morning (September 12, 2018).

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. **Nomination memo**