CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: MAJOR JOHN BAUBLITZ

ASC CHAIRPERSON

DATE:

FEBRUARY 24, 2024

FROM: SER

SERGEANT RAIZA MARDIS

UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

SUBJECT:

OFFICER OF THE MONTH AWARD - FEBRUARY 2024

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

That Officer Julio Gonzalez is recognized as the Officer of the Month for February 2024.

BACKGROUND

On February 17, 2024, at approximately 12:10 AM, Officer J. Gonzalez was on routine patrol and observed two males walking northbound on the west sidewalk of the 3900-Blk of Lejeune Rd. Officer Gonzalez observed the two males jay walking across Lejeune Rd on to the east sidewalk and continue on foot to the 300-Blk of Candia Av. At the same time, a witness approached Officer Gonzalez' marked patrol vehicle stating he was concerned the males walking by his house would commit criminal activity because there have been recent incidents of breakins into vehicles in that same block.

Officer Gonzalez maintained visual of the two males and observed them walking eastbound on Candia Av. The males were seen concealing themselves behind a tree on the 200-Blk of Candia Av after they saw his marked patrol vehicle # (370). The males stayed behind the tree for a short period of time waiting for Officer Gonzalez' marked patrol unit to leave the area. The males then proceeded to continue walking eastbound on Candia Av toward the 3900-Blk of Ponce de Leon Blvd where Officer Gonzalez detained both males. The males were later identified as juveniles who were in violation of curfew ordinance. The juveniles were read Miranda Warnings per card and they invoked their rights. The males did not dispel the officer's alarm and concerns for safety of persons or property in the vicinity. Both juvenile offenders were charged with Loitering and Prowling. Ofc. J. Gonzalez maintained visual of both subjects and advised over CGPD Main of his findings leading to the apprehension of two known subjects to CGPD.

These juvenile offenders are linked to CGPD Case #23008177 in the City of Coral Gables. On 12/11/2023 the two males arrived with two other female subjects in a stolen vehicle. All four subjects were arrested after a perimeter was setup in the north end sector (Zone 2) for Grand Theft Auto and Burglary to Conveyance. One of the juveniles was on probation for the 2023 case.

SYNOPSIS/CONCLUSION

Officer J. Gonzalez is a very proactive officer, initiating traffic and pedestrian stops during his shift. He has been a great addition to the Alpha shift since the beginning of this BID.

As such, I am recommending that Officer J. Gonzalez be recognized for his efforts via the Officer of the Month Award for February 2024.

REVIEWED BY:

Phillip Thomas, Lieutenant Uniform Patrol Division

Jenne Hoff, Major Uniform Patrol Division

> John Baublitz, Major **ASC** Chairperson

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Attachments (3):

- BOLO 23-393
- Arrest Affidavit Case 24-001194
- Incident/Investigation Report Case 24-001194