

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: ASSISTANT CHIEF MICHAEL MILLER **DATE:** JANUARY 5, 2016
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FROM: SERGEANT CUONG "TED" NGUYEN **SUBJECT:**
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION AWARD/HONOR NOMINATION

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I am nominating Detective Andrew Cachinero for the 2016 Detective of the Fourth Quarter Award.

During this fourth quarter of 2016 Detective Cachinero responded and was assigned to investigate the following Robbery cases:

16-009128- (12/02/16/Strong Arm Robbery): The victim was standing at the corner of Calabria Avenue and Ponce De Leon Boulevard talking on her cellular phone. While she speaking on her cell phone, an unknown white male grabbed the phone from hands and injured her face. The description given of the subject was a white male last seen wearing a black shirt and fleeing on a bicycle westbound on Calabria Avenue.

16-009493- (12/15/16/Robbery by Sudden Snatching): The victim in this case was walking her dog on the 1500 Block of Ponce De Leon, and speaking on her cellular iPhone 7 in her hand. While she was having a conversation with her mother on the cellular phone, an unknown male subject riding a bicycle came from behind her and snatched her iPhone 7 from her hand. The subject fled the area and was last seen west on Menores Avenue and later continued his path east through Salamanca Avenue. A description of the subject was given as a "Latino male," 20-25 yoa, wearing a grey 'hoodie' style jacket, cargo shorts. The victim utilizing her "Track My iPhone app" and was able to locate the phone in the area of SW 9 Terrace between SW 42nd and 43rd Avenue. UPD canvassed the area and located the victim's iPhone behind the residence at 4279 SW 9 Street, Miami, FL.

When Detective Cachinero responded to the scene where the victim's iPhone 7 was recovered, he approached the residence and spoke with the homeowner. Contemporaneously, he noticed a male at the front door and recognized him as the person of interest, Rodolfo Coll-Torres. Coll Torres commented to Detective Cachinero, "I want my attorney."

During the course of the investigation relating to case number 16-9128, Detective Cachinero interviewed the victim and the last known location of her "Track My iPhone app" indicated that the last known location that it "pinged" was in the area of SW 8 Street and SW 44 Avenue. Detective Cachinero canvassed the area where the incident occurred and the last known location

where the victim's iPhone pinged for additional investigative leads. Additionally, he reviewed past cases that may involve other subjects that may have been arrested where the incident occurred. Detective Cachinero recalled a male individual that was arrested by the CAP unit in March of 2016 and identified Rodolfo Coll-Torres as a person of interest; Coll-Torres also was on bicycle when he was committing simple batteries against females that were standing or walking in and around the north end Ponce corridor involving the CAP unit investigation.

With his investigative intuition heightened, Detective Cachinero forged on and followed up with all of his collected investigative leads. Detective Cachinero reviewed the CCTV footage cameras that were available, and created a photo line-up (including Coll Torres as part of it). Detective Cachinero presented a line-up to the victim in case 16-009128 and she was able to identify Coll-Torres as the person who stole her iPhone.

Detective Cachinero willingness and determination to pursue the investigations resulted with the arrest of Coll Torres on 12/22/16, he was charged with Strong Arm Robbery (16-9128) and Robbery by Sudden Snatching (16-009493) respectively to both cases. Since the arrest of Coll-Torres, there has been no other Robbery of Cell Phones in the north end Ponce corridor section.

16-009153-(12/02/16-Strong Arm Robbery)-The victim went clubbing in the area of Downtown Miami and met an unknown female. The victim and the unknown female returned to his residence. The unknown female left the victim's residence in the morning. It was later discovered that the unknown female stole numerous items from the victim, including three expensive watches.

Detective Cachinero followed up the investigation with interviewing the victim, victim's house guest, reviewing the CCTV security footage from the victim's residence. After developing all the information on the unknown female subject, he sent a BOLO through the Miami-Dade County Law Enforcement Agency network system. He continued his investigation and went to the last known bar where the victim met the unknown subject. Detective Cachinero met with the bartender who recognized the photograph of the unknown female and advised that she frequents the bar during the weekend and meets new clients often. Detective Cachinero retrieved and reviewed the video footage from the bar. Detective Cachinero returned to the office and began researching the Miami-Dade County mug shot system and developed two female subjects that matched the unknown female subject's description. It was later discovered that the unknown female subject was involved with similar criminal activity in the Palmetto Bay area and the City of Aventura.


To confirm the identity of the unknown female subject, Detective Cachinero met with a Miami Beach Detective that had developed a catalogue of subjects that has an aficionado of committing crimes of opportunity against male victim that are seeking for a night of companionship. Detective Cachinero was able to identify the female subject. Thereafter, he presented a line-up to the victim and he was able to select the subject from the line-up. Currently, the subject is at large; a felony message has been entered for the said subject. Arrest is imminent.

Detective Cachinero applied his investigative skills with persistency and determination to ensure that the above case(s) would result with an arrest and should be commended for his level of perseverance and dedication to solve the aforementioned cases. Detective Cachinero surely deserves to be recognized and selected for the Detective of the Fourth Quarter 2016 award.


Please see attached copies of the I/I, Arrest Affidavit, and BOLO information for further details.

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Attachments: I/I Report(s), BOLO and Arrest Affidavit