

# CITY OF CORAL GABLES

## - MEMORANDUM -

**TO:** ASSISTANT CHIEF MICHAEL MILLER  
(AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE)

**DATE:** AUGUST 28, 2015

**FROM:** SERGEANT VICKY MERINO  
UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

**SUBJECT:**  
AWARDS/OFFICER OF THE  
MONTH FOR AUGUST  
CASE#15-6441

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I would like to take this time to nominate Officer Emilio Flores for Officer of the Month for August 2015. Officer Emilio Flores is deserving of this award for his actions which resulted in the arrest of a subject that targeted an unsuspected victim as she waited for the Gables Trolley; depriving her of her purse and placing her in fear.

On August 28, 2015, units were dispatched to Ponce De Leon Blvd and Salamanca Avenue regarding a robbery. At the time, it was not known if the robbery was an armed robbery or strong armed robbery. The victim who was still shaken up was able to provide a vague description of the subject and a direction of travel. Information indicated the subject ran eastbound on Salamanca Avenue and then southbound midblock. Several units began to canvass the area with negative results.

Officer Flores who was already in the area searching for the subject was advised by a witness that he saw the possible subject running north from the 100 block of Menores Avenue. Officer Flores solicited the assistance of Officer Banks who was also on scene. As they began to search the buildings on Menores Avenue, Officer Flores observed two males acting suspicious. One male was not wearing a shirt and they both appeared to be sweaty and wet from the rain. This aroused Officer Flores suspicion. They advised they were looking at a motorcycle that had just pulled up with an unknown male. Officer Banks felt the motorcycles engine and it was cold to the touch indicating they were not being truthful.

Officer Flores continued speaking with both subjects who advised that they did not live there and had just left a friend's house. Officer Flores advised both subjects they were trespassing and requested Officer Banks detain them to conduct further investigation. Officer Flores searched the immediate area which revealed the victim's purse in a laundry room in close proximity to where the two subjects were located. Officer Flores noticed that one of the subjects matched the description of the BOLO except that he had on different clothing. Officer Flores requested a show-up based on the physical description and the fact that they could not provide a good enough reason as to why they were there. Officer Williams drove the victim to the subjects' location to conduct a show-up and she positively identified the first juvenile offender as the subject who snatched her purse.


After further investigation, officers were able to recover the victim's purse and all of her belongings at the scene and at the subject's friend's house located at 45 Madeira Avenue. The victim had all of her property returned to her. Her mother who responded to the scene was very impressed with the way the incident was handled and even more impressed that the offender was located and arrested by Officer Flores within a short amount of time. Officer Flores is deserving of this award and should be commended and recognized for his role in solving this crime.

  
Lieutenant Joe Werner  
Uniform Patrol Division

8/30/2015  
Date

  
Major Raul Pedrosa  
UPD Commander

8.31.15  
Date

  
Michael Miller, Assistant Chief  
ASC Chairperson

8/31/15  
Date