

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE **DATE:** JULY 1, 2015
VIA CHAIN OF COMMAND

FROM: LIEUTENANT JOE WERNER *Joe Werner* **SUBJECT:**
UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION AWARD/HONOR NOMINATION

I nominate Sergeant Vicky Merino for Officer of the Month, June 2015. On Saturday, June 6th, 2015, Sergeant Merino responded with officers from her squad to a suspicious male call at 3418 Ponce De Leon Blvd. Responding units were checking the area when Sergeant Merino observed and stopped a male on a woman's cruiser bike several blocks away at Ponce De Leon Blvd and San Sebastian Ave who matched the description provided by the reporter.

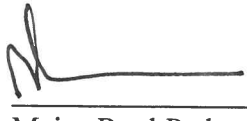
Sergeant Merino and assisting officers conducted an investigation and an area canvass that revealed that the male subject had entered the garage of 221 Aledo while the residents slept and stole four bikes and a bike pump. It was further discovered that he also stole several items from a front porch at 3410 Ponce De Leon. The male was arrested (See attached CGPD case # 15-4376 & 15-4372).

The offender was identified as a career criminal and charged with:

- 2 counts of occupied burglary
- Grand Theft 3rd degree

Sergeant Merino exercised excellent observational skills and exhibited leadership by example for working with the officers on her squad to locate this suspicious individual who, it was later discovered, committed crimes at two area residences. Additionally, she coordinated the efforts of her squad which conducted a very thorough investigation that put a career criminal out of business. I believe that her actions deserve your consideration for the award of Officer of the Month for June 2015.

Reviewed by:

 7/2/15

Major Raul Pedrosa
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Assistant Chief Michael C. Miller
Award Selection Committee

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