

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: MAJOR ED HUDAK
AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE CHAIR

DATE: JUNE 5, 2010

FROM: SERGEANT DAN MOSQUERA
CRIMES AGAINST PERSON UNIT

SUBJECT:
OFFICER OF THE MONTH
NOMINATION JUNE 2010

I would like to take this opportunity to nominate Detective Jane Campos for the June 2010 Officer of the Month Award. I believe this Detective exemplifies the qualities needed and is deserving of this award.

On April 30, 2010, at approximately 4:56 PM, the Coral Gables Police Department received a call in reference to a fight in progress at 200 Florida Avenue. When patrol officers arrived on the scene they encountered three victims that had been injured with a box cutter. All the victims were transported to the hospital for injuries sustained. One of the victim's injuries was so severe that she was immediately taken into surgery. This case was later assigned to Detective Jane Campos for investigation. Through her diligent work and investigative skills, Detective Campos arrested the subject for aggravated battery.

On May 05, 2010, at approximately 4:20 AM, a drive by shooting occurred at the same location as the previous offense, namely, 200 Florida Avenue. The shooting was done with a high powered rifle. In addition to the shooting the subject threw a Molotov cocktail bottle at the residence attempting to set the house on fire. Inside the residence were 10 occupants sleeping, one of them an infant. Luckily, no one was injured during the shooting, but there was extensive damage to the residence. Shell casings and the Molotov cocktail containing gasoline were left on the scene. There were no witnesses to this incident and no clear motive. The only link was the subject who had been arrested for aggravated battery in the previous incident. Detective Jane Campos was also assigned this case for investigation and she quickly learned that two days prior to the shooting the subject who was arrested for the aggravated battery had bonded out of jail and had been evicted from her residence. She did not leave any forwarding address or other contact information. It was rumored that this person of interest was somewhere in the Overtown area.

To solve this drive by shooting (or attempted murder) case, Detective Jane Campos began to study her notes from the previous aggravated battery case. She discovered a cell phone number belonging to the *sister* of the subject who was arrested for aggravated battery. Detective Campos wanted to see if the cell phone was active (i.e. receiving/making calls) during the time of the drive by shooting. Detective Campos subpoenaed the cell phone records and soon discovered that the sister received calls moments after the drive by shooting. With this information, Detective Campos prepared an additional cell phone record subpoena for this new, unknown phone number that appeared on the sister's phone records. This was done with efforts to identify the person making calls to the sister after the drive by shooting. Unfortunately, the subpoenaed information provided no additional leads as the new cell phone number was registered to a fictitious person. Refusing to give up, Detective Jane Campos prepared and obtained a court order for a "cell tower dump" for this unknown cell number. This was done in an effort to determine if the person using the phone was in the area of the shooting. Once the court order was obtained and the information was received, Detective Campos discovered that the person using this unknown cell phone was in the area during the shooting. In addition, right after the shooting the person using this unknown cell number was tracked leaving the area of 200 Florida Avenue. Detective Campos prepared and obtained another court order to track this cell phone in an effort to identify the person using it as well as question him/her reference the drive by shooting.

On June 1, 2010, at approximately 2:30 PM, Detective Campos received a call from the technical team tracking the phone. They determined that the phone was in the area of 41 Street and NW 27 Avenue. Detective Campos organized the Crimes Against Person Unit and went into the area. Once the team was in place the technical team tracking the phone pin pointed the phone's exact location which was 4331 NW 31 Ct. Detective Campos then took her team to the residence in an effort to identify the person behind the cell phone. A knock and talk was executed at the residence. Officers knocked on the door and when the occupants opened the door one of the persons inside saw the police and immediately turned around and fled into his bedroom. Officers on scene fearing for their safety chased the subject into his bedroom. At that point, Officers observed in plain view an SKS high powered weapon. The subject that fled into his room was actually the subject who owned the rifle and the owner of the phone we were tracking. Detective Campos then held the scene until a search warrant was obtained. During the serving of the warrant all of the subjects were taken to the police station for questioning. The warrant was served and the weapon used in the drive-by shooting was recovered. The subject in this case subsequently confessed to the shooting, stating that his intention was to intimidate the victims from appearing in court on the aggravated battery charge.

Based on Detective Campos' investigative skills she was able to apprehend this violent subject and take him into custody. Detective Campos was also able to recover a high powered assault rifle and take it off the street.