



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 23, 2023**

ITEM TITLE:

Congratulations to Detective Emilio Flores recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Detective of the First Quarter," for the first quarter of 2023.

BRIEF HISTORY:

I am honored to nominate Detective Emilio Flores for the prestigious Detective of the 1st Quarter Award 2023. Detective Flores' intensity, determination, teamwork, and investigative skills and follow-up successfully led to the identification of numerous subjects and their arrests under the following CGPD cases: 22-003615, 22-007733, 22-007781, 22-007940, 22-008200, 23-000184 (linked cases 22-006810, 22-006811, 22-006943, and 22-006994), 23-000832, 23-001050, 23-001296, 23-001338, 23-001500, 23-001583, and 23-001676. I am consistently impressed and appreciative of Detective Emilio Flores' hard work, dedication, and teamwork.

Below, please find a synopsis for each of the cases mentioned above.

CGPD Case 22-003615:

Residential Burglary (Tent Job)- 3701 Ponce De Leon Blvd

During Detectives Flores' long-term investigation, he was able to identify and arrest the three subjects responsible for the residential burglary. Additionally, Detective Flores was able to secure confessions during his interview/interrogation of the three subjects.

CGPD Cases 22-007904 and 23-001050:

Retail Thefts at Victoria Secret - 360 San Lorenzo Ave

Detective Flores was able to confirm the subject's identity, establish probable cause for an arrest, and arrest the subject who stole merchandise (valued at \$3,226.00) on two separate occasions at Victoria Secret (VMP). Detective Flores worked with the MDPD, who also arrested him on a separate retail theft at Victoria Secret (Falls Mall).

CGPD Cases 22-007733, 22-007781, 22-008200, and 23-000184 (linked cases: 22-006810, 22-006811, 22-006943, 22-006994):

Retail Thefts at Target Department Store - 1906 Ponce De Leon Blvd

Detective Flores successfully linked the subject to numerous retail thefts at Target. Detective Flores worked closely with NTL Ferrufino to secure an identification of the subject. Detective Flores worked with the City of Miami Police Department to locate the subject. The subject was subsequently located and arrested. Detective Emilio Flores and Wilfredo Diaz were able to close out numerous cases because of the arrest.

CGPD Case 23-000823:

Burglary, Vandalism, and Theft - 51 Aragon Ave

The subject, a passenger in a vehicle, broke into the parking garage attendant booth (with force causing damage) and stole an access card. The subject used the access card to exit the parking garage. Detective Flores was able to identify the subject responsible. Detective Flores worked closely with the Doral Police Department to assist with locating and detaining the subject. The subject was arrested but refused to cooperate with detectives.

CGPD Case 23-001296:

Package Theft - 3 Santillane Ave

Detective Flores was able to identify the subject responsible for the package theft. The subject resided in the same building as the victim; therefore, the victim refused prosecution. The case was exceptionally cleared.

CGPD Case 23-001338:

Shoplifting at Publix Supermarket - 106 Ponce De Leon Blvd)

The subject stole numerous seafood items from the freezer. Detective Flores was able to identify the subject responsible. Publix was referred to the SAO to direct file, due to it being a misdemeanor level offense and the subject resides outside the City of Coral Gables.

CGPD Case 23-001500:

Stolen Vehicle Recovery/Arrest - 609 Almeria Ave

Detective Flores assisted Uniform Patrol with the recovery of the stolen vehicle and stolen property inside the vehicle, and the arrest and interview/interrogation of the subjects. Detective Flores conducted a thorough interview/interrogation, which led to both subjects confessing to stealing the vehicle and dumping property from inside the vehicle in the bay in the City of Miami. Detective Flores requested assistance from our Marine Patrol divers to locate the property in the water. The divers were able to locate several items the subjects threw into the water. Detective Flores went above and beyond and utilized the appropriate resources for assistance.

CGPD Case 23-001583:

Burglary Non-Residential and Theft of Bicycle - 1091 Galiano St

The victim's bicycle was stolen from the secured garage at his apartment complex. The bicycle was equipped with an Apple Air Tag. The victim was able to provide several ping locations. Detective Flores initially responded to the area of one of the pings, but was unable to locate the stolen bicycle. Subsequently, the victim provided updated ping locations which were relayed to Detective Flores. Detective Flores then responded back to the area with Detective Mardis.

During their area canvass, they observed a male riding a bicycle that matched the description of the stolen bicycle. Detective Flores identified himself as a police officer and attempted to stop the subject. The subject fled and a foot chase ensued. A short distance later, Detective Flores apprehended the subject without incident and recovered the stolen bicycle. It was revealed the subject was involved in a previous bicycle theft in our city.

CGPD Case 23-001676 and 23-002005:

Burglary to Structure and Petit Theft - 253 Miracle Mile

On two separate occasions, the subject stole beer kegs (total 8) that were housed under the business stairwell. The incident was captured on surveillance video, which produced a description of the subject and subject vehicle. Detective Flores elicited assistance from our CIC analyst, Ray Pena, to attempt to identify the subject vehicle's tag information. The CIC analyst successfully identified the vehicle tag information for Detective Flores to further investigate the cases.

Detective Flores conducted a thorough check of the registered vehicle owner, who matched the description of the subject stealing the beer kegs. Detective Flores conducted several spot checks at the address where the subject vehicle checked back to and located the truck, with the trailer attached. Detective Flores then entered the subject vehicle in our LPR's "Hot-List" database to flag the vehicle and provide real time LPR pings. On April 1, 2023, in the afternoon hours, the subject vehicle pinged along the 1300-BLK of US1 traveling eastbound. A BOLO to Uniform Patrol Officers was administered and the vehicle was located and stopped. The driver matched the description of the subject; therefore, he was detained and transported to the station for further questioning by Detective Flores. Detective Flores interviewed the subject, who confessed to committing the above crimes. The subject was arrested and charged accordingly.

As evidenced above, it is irrefutable that Detective Emilio Flores' hard work, utilization of technology, enthusiasm, and dedication to the Coral Gables Police Department and the community alike, makes him most deserving of the Detective of the 1st Quarter Award 2023. Additionally, Detective Flores is always willing to assist officers and detectives without hesitation. He is an excellent team player, and a seasoned police officer whom his colleagues look to for his knowledge and guidance. It is a privilege and honor to supervise Detective Flores, who positively contributes to making our agency the finest in the country.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. **Nomination memo**