

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

**TO:** MICHAEL MILLER  
AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

**DATE:** JUNE 29, 2016

**FROM:** SERGEANT JESUS GARCIA   
CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

**SUBJECT:**  
DETECTIVE OF THE QUARTER  
AWARD

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I would like to nominate Detective Maurice Poirier for the Detective of the Quarter Award. During this quarter, Detective Poirier arrested seven subjects clearing a total of five felony cases.

On April 13, 2016, at 0741 hours, police was dispatched to 6855 E. Edgewater Dr., Apt. 3A (Case 16-002951) regarding a theft of Rolex watches that had just occurred. Detective Poirier heard the call go out and took the initiative to respond before starting his shift to assist in any way possible. Upon his arrival, he immediately began to communicate and coordinate with all the responding officers in addition to making that impressive first contact with the victim ensuring him that the Coral Gables Police Department is doing everything possible to bring the offenders to justice and recover his prized possessions. This incident involved three females befriending our victim in Miami Beach. They all returned to his apartment where they conspired to distract our victim in order to steal three Rolex watches valued over \$60,000. The victim attempted to run after them once he discovered that his watches were missing. Fortunately, one of the female offenders dropped a wallet and cellular phone, which were located because of a thorough area canvas. During the initial investigation, Detective Poirier coordinated several of our detectives' efforts in returning a phone call on the offender's cellular phone pretending to be a concerned citizen wanting to return a found cellular phone to its rightful owner. The female subject agreed to meet our undercover detective. Detective Poirier prepared an operational plan involving several officers from different divisions for the apprehension. Detective Poirier took everything into consideration in preparing his plan while keeping officer safety as a priority. I'm elated to mention that the operation was a success. The female offender was apprehended and identified. He displayed to be a true professional throughout his investigation. Due to his interviewing and interrogating skills, the other two female offenders were located and arrested. Although the victim's watches were not recovered, I am extremely pleased that through Detective Poirier's dedication, hard work, and investigating skills, we were able to take three dangerous females off the streets.

During this quarter, Detective Poirier investigated several other cases where, again through his dedication and hard work, he was successful in making several arrests. The following is a list of the cases with a brief synopsis outlining his efforts:

-14-003797 – This case was a cold case, but through DNA, he was able to make an arrest. It was extremely difficult to locate the subject, but his coordination with our SIT team is what allowed them to locate and arrest this vehicle burglar.

-16-000361 – This case was about an employee stealing money from his employer and through Detective Poirier’s investigative skills, he was able to develop a solid case resulting in an arrest.

-16-002605 – This case was a vehicle burglary that took place at Fairchild Tropical Gardens where checks were some of the stolen items. Detective Poirier was able to obtain several leads through the course of his investigation and was able to identify two out of the three subjects that fraudulently uttered the stolen checks. He has been able to locate and arrest one of those subjects.

-16-004085 – This case was a retail theft case where a subject stole several items from our CVS store on S. Dixie Hwy. This case is a prime example of how a detective’s ability to recall other cases and network with other agencies can lead to identifying and apprehending offenders. Detective Poirier was able to identify the subject on this case because of his ability to recall specifics of another agencies flyer on a subject they encountered and questioned. After reviewing surveillance footage of the crime and comparing his subject to the subject that was questioned by our neighboring agency, he was able to positively identify his offender. Therefore, he prepared his own flyer and detectives from a third neighboring agency recognized the pictured offender knew his whereabouts. Again, because of Detective Poirier’s networking and investigative skills, this offender was arrested and stolen items were recovered and returned to the owner.

These investigations are examples of excellent investigative work. Detective Poirier should be recognized for his dedication and professionalism to our residents, and police department.

**REVIEWED BY:**

**DATE:**



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