

CITY OF CORAL GABLES
- MEMORANDUM -

TO: MAJOR THERESA S. MOLINA
ASC CHAIRPERSON

DATE: APRIL 29, 2014

FROM: LT. STEVEN ELLINPORT
ALPHA SHIFT COMMANDER

SUBJECT:
APRIL, 2014 OFFICER OF THE
MONTH NOMINATION

Once again, I am writing a memorandum to the Awards Selection Committee to nominate Officer Janesse Soto for another Officer of the Month Award.

On April 28, 2014, I had made Officers Janesse Soto and Jessica Rodriguez "Zulu" Units. They were tasked with patrolling the North end of the City that typically has the most vehicle crimes. Just after 0100 hours, Officer Soto spotted a suspicious vehicle stopped in the bicycle lane at the 400 block of Alhambra Circle. As a side note, in that exact same spot back on December 16, 2013, she found a stolen vehicle and arrested three occupants.

On this night however, she observed two offenders. One was in the vehicle that was parked in the bicycle lane and another was by the driver's side of a Jeep Wrangler parked in the driveway of 423 Alhambra Circle. The subject by the Jeep had a tire iron in his hand and Officer Soto noticed a lug nut on the floor where the spare tire to the Jeep was attached.

Officer Soto detained the subject that was in the vehicle and the other subject fled on foot. She gave a detailed description of the subject that fled. Officer Hector Diaz was able to locate the subject a few blocks away and take him into custody. Officer Soto then positively identified that subject as the one that fled with the tire iron in his hand. The tire iron was subsequently found one block North of Alhambra on Alcazar Avenue.

Inside the subject's vehicle was another spare wheel that was taken from another Jeep.

Officer Soto was not responding to a call for service. She was proactively patrolling the City and located these subjects on her own. There have been numerous wheels stolen in the City and Officer Soto was able to locate and arrest two subjects that were stealing these Jeep wheels.

Please accept my nomination and select Officer Janesse Soto for the Officer of the Month award for April, 2014 for the excellent job she did under case number 14-003287.

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: MAJOR THERESA S. MOLINA
ASC CHAIRPERSON

DATE: APRIL 9, 2014

FROM: LT. STEVEN ELLINPORT
ALPHA SHIFT COMMANDER

SUBJECT:
MARCH, 2014 OFFICER OF THE
MONTH NOMINATION

I am writing this memorandum to the Awards Selection Committee to nominate Officer Janesse Soto for the Officer of the Month Award for March, 2014.

During the recent months, Zone 3 on the Alpha Shift has been particularly active for vehicle crimes. On March 25, 2014, I selected one of my most proactive officers, Officer Soto, to ride up in the North end of the City. At roll call that night, I specifically said that her job was to catch some vehicle burglars. She did just that.

At approximately 0429 hours she was in Zone 3 looking for any criminal activity. She noticed a minivan driving slowly down neighborhood streets and went to investigate. When she pulled up to the vehicle at the 1200-Block of Medina Ave, three subjects ran northbound from the vehicle. I was working that night and Officer Soto gave very good descriptions of the subjects that fled from her. Officers flooded the area looking for the subjects. Officer Hector Diaz and Officer Daniels located one of the subjects running on SW 8th Street and took him into custody. Another subject was spotted by Officers Blumstein and Johnson just north of SW 8th Street. A perimeter was established, but the other two subjects were not located.

The subjects had committed several vehicle burglaries in the area and the van they were driving was an unreported stolen vehicle out of Key Biscayne. A handgun was later discovered by a resident in the yard of 1253 Medina Avenue where the subjects had burglarized a Cadillac. A car key belonging to a carjacking victim and other items of stolen property were located in the minivan.

This arrest by Officer Soto cleared numerous vehicle burglary cases, vehicle theft cases, and a carjacking in Miami-Dade County. It also led to the arrests of the other subjects involved in these crimes. Because of her great work ethic and dedication to the citizens of Coral Gables, several violent criminals were arrested.

I also want to note that Officer Soto was assigned to a temporary task force with the Criminal Investigations Division for two weeks and she made this arrest on her first day back on the road.

Please accept my nomination and select Officer Janesse Soto for the Officer of the Month award for March, 2014.

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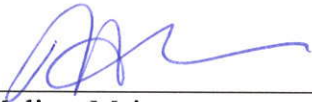
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R. Pedroso, Major
Uniform Patrol Division Commander

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Date

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T.S. Molina, Major
ASC Chairperson

4/11/14

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