CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: JESSE MEDINA DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2020

AWARD COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

FROM: DETECTIVE JOEL RIOS SUBJECT:

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION AWARD/HONOR NOMINATION

Action/Recommendation:

I nominate Officer Eduardo Orbe to receive the Officer of the Month Award for the month of September, for his courage and outstanding job performed on September 15, 2020, case #20-004799.

Background:

On Tuesday, September 15, 2020, CGPD units were dispatched to 2525 Ponce De Leon Blvd to investigate a call of a suspicious male inside an office building. The caller advised that the suspicious male was suspected of a theft that occurred on the building two to three weeks ago. Units were informed that the suspicious male was last seen traveling southbound on Ponce de Leon Blvd on a bicycle.

Several units responded to the scene and attempted to locate the suspicious male. One of the units that responded was Officer Orbe from the Bike Patrol Unit. Once arrival, Officer Orbe was notified by a witness that the suspicious male had entered the building at 2701 Ponce de Leon Blvd. Officer Orbe observed a bicycle in the alley behind the building and waited for the suspicious male to return. Moments later, the suspicious male returned to his bicycle and Officer Orbe confronted Mr. Richard Jones (a known burglary and theft offender). During this encounter, Mr. Jones was uncooperative and disregarded Officer Orbe's command to not place his hands inside his pockets. A brief struggle ensued, and Mr. Jones was taken into custody with the assistance of Sgt. G. Antezana. During this encounter a punch dagger knife was recovered next to Mr. Jones. Further investigation revealed that this extremely dangerous knife had fallen out from Mr. Jones pocket during the confrontation. Investigation confirmed that Mr. Jones stole a computer from the office two weeks ago. Mr. Jones was also suspected and arrested for the attempted murder, burglary with a battery and grand theft (CGPD case 20-004590), occupied burglary, battery on the elderly, theft of credit cards (CGPD case 20-003970), 2 burglaries in South Miami (SMPD cases 20-001153 and 20-001172), another burglary in the City of Miami (Miami PD case 200901-0049226), and multiple violation of probations for robbery and multiple burglaries.

Synopsis/Conclusion:

As a result of Officer Orbe's great investigation, observation, courage, self-driven determination, police training and tactics, he was able to safely apprehend this progressively violent criminal without any injuries to himself or others. Officer Orbe showed great diligence in tracking down and arresting this career felon without further incident. Furthermore, multiple cases were cleared countywide. Therefore, I am recommending that Officer Orbe be recognized for his extraordinary efforts via the Officer of the Month Award.

J. Garcia/Sergeant
Criminal Investigation Division

J. Werner/Lieutenant
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J. Medina, Major
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Attached Reports:

-CPGD I/I Reports: 20-004799

-CGPD BOLO: 20-266

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INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT

Coral Gables Police Department

Case # 20-004799

UCR	Status	Quantity	Type Measure	Suspected Type	Up to 3 types of activity

Assisting Officers

ANTEZANA, G.F. (7635), CLOUD, J.D. (10225), DE LA MILERA, K. (9927), VALDIVIA, O.B. (8462), LUJAN, A.D. (10446), DIAZ, W. (10313), CRISTOBOL, H. (11436), ESCOBAR, A.M. (7181), ESCOBAR, A.M. (7181), HAZOURY, K.N. (8453),

Suspect Hate / Bias Motivated: None (No Bias)

NARRATIVE

On Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at approximately 12:15 p.m., CGPD officers were dispatched to the area of 2525 Ponce de Leon Blvd in reference a possible subject that possibly committed a theft from a business from a previous day. A BOLO was provided via CGPD dispatch for a thin build, black male, wearing a blue shirt, black shorts, black slides, and small dreads. Mr. Horacio Rocha (Reporting Party / Security Guard) had kept sight of the above described male and informed Officer Orbe (#7753) that he last saw the male head south bound on Ponce de Leon Blvd. Officer Orbe (#7753) observed the male exiting the rear stairwell of the building (2701 Ponce de Leon Blvd) and mount his bicycle on the 100 block of Almeria Av. The subject matched the description of the subject that was BOLO'ed and Officer Orbe instructed the subject to stop and to keep his hands visible.

The subject proceeded to place both of his hands inside his pockets while still straddling his bicycle. Officer Orbe (#7753) could notice some kind of objects inside his right pocket. For officer's safety, Officer Orbe held the subject's wrists in order to keep the subject from removing any item from his pockets. The subject attempted to pull away to free his wrists and fell on his right side while still straddling the bicycle. Officer Orbe maintained wrist control of both wrists and at some point, the subject's hands were out of his pockets.

While the subject was on the floor, in a supine position, Sgt. Antezana (#7635) secured his right arm by holding down his right wrist and placing his right shin over the subject's right forearm. Officer Orbe controlled the subject's left wrist / arm by maintaining wrist control with both hands.

When the subject fell, he landed in the shrubs adjacent to the sidewalk. Both Sgt. Antezana and Officer Orbe maintained control of the subject wrists / hands and pulled him out of the shrubs on the adjacent concrete / parking lot in order to place handcuffs on the subject. Both Sgt. Antezana and Officer Orbe rolled the subject over on to his stomach and placed Officer Orbe's handcuffs on with minimal resistance.

While Officer Orbe and Sergeant Antezana were bringing the subject up from the ground, Officer Orbe noticed a small knife (punch dagger) underneath the subject. This was more than likely inside Mr. Jones' pocket.

The subject was identified as Mr. Robert Anthony Jones via a Florida ID photograph via FCIC/NCIC check.

While Mr. Jones was sitting on the ground, in custody, he began to make threats toward Officer Orbe and Sergeant Antezana. Mr. Jones told both officers "When I get out, I'm gonna come for you both and fuck you crackers up." Mr. Jones continued yelling, "I can't breathe, they are killing me, call my mama, suck my dick you crackers" and other profanities to gain attention from bystanders. CGFD responded (Rescue #4, Lt. Stewart / 20-5343), however Mr. Jones refused medical treatment at that time. Mr. Jones was placed in the back of a patrol car and stated to Sgt. Antezana, "I'm gonna go and kill your children."

Incident Report Suspect List

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1		Name (Last, First, Middle) JONES, RICHARD ANTHONY JR							Also Known As						Address 8 <i>DAY AV</i>	
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Incident Report Related Property List

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CASE SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

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Case Status: CLEARED BY ARREST Case Mng Status: NOT ASSG PAT ARREST Occi

Occurred: 09/15/2020

Offense: SIMPLE ASSAULT / THREATS

Investigator: RIOS, J. E. (8444) Date / Time: 09/17/2020 15:25:59, Thursday

Supervisor: GARCIA, J. (7615) Supervisor Review Date / Time: 09/18/2020 14:14:31, Friday

Contact: Reference: Supplement

On 09/15/2020, I responded to the holding cell area at CGPD to take photographs of the offender in custody, Richard Anthony Jones JR (DOB 01/13/1996). During our interaction, Mr. Jones asked me if I could call his girlfriend in order to let her know he was in custody. I called Mr. Jones' girlfriend, Stella Irene Thomas (DOB 06/15/2000), via telephone (305-731-1062) with my personal mobile phone. I remained standing and placed the phone on loud speaker in order to hear the conversation between Mr. Jones and Ms. Thomas. Mr. Jones informed Ms. Thomas that he had been arrested. Mr. Jones informed Ms. Thomas that if she wanted to terminate their relationship, he would understand because he may not be getting out from jail for a while. Mr. Jones asked me to speak with Ms. Thomas to give her instructions about how to retrieve his impounded property. Ms. Thomas asked me what happened and I gave her a brief synopsis of what had occurred. I also informed Ms. Thomas that when Mr. Jones was taken into custody, a punch dagger knife was recovered. However, we were uncertain of what were Mr. Jones's intentions with it. Ms. Thomas stated she had previously advised Mr. Jones not to carry that knife. Ms. Thomas stated she was the owner of the knife. I verbally described the knife as a short-bladed dagger with a "T" handle designed to be grasped in the hand so that the blade protrudes from the front of the index and middle fingers. Ms. Thomas admitted that was her knife. I asked Ms. Thomas if I could send her a picture of the knife via text message in order to confirm the identity of her knife, and she agreed. I sent Ms. Thomas a picture of the knife taken at the scene via text using my work cell phone. Upon receiving the text, Ms. Thomas verbally and via text positively confirmed that the pictured shown via text was her knife. Ms. Thomas further stated she was not aware he had it.

On 09/17/2020, Crime Scene Technician, M. Sierra, ID # 9298, took photographs of the time I called Ms. Thomas on my personal mobile phone, and the text messages conversation between Ms. Thomas and I from my work mobile phone. The video footage of the holding cell was requested via email to IT.

Investigator Signature

Supervisor Signature



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BOLO #: 20-266

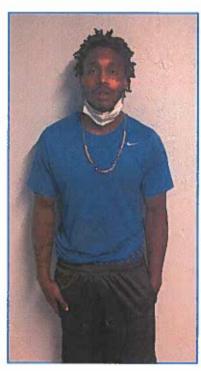
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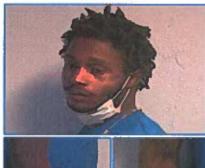
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Case#	20-004590
Incident	Attempted Felony Murder, Grand Theft,
MATERIAL STATES	Burglary with a Battery
Date/Time	09/02/2020 @ 1636 hours
Location	1390 South Dixie Highway, Suite 1105

Bulletin	☐ Criminal Mischief	☐ Shoplifting	☐ Petit Theft	☑ Grand Theft	Grand Theft Auto
	☐ Vehicle Burglary	☐ Residential Burglary	☑ Commercial Burglary	☐ Trespass	☐ Situational Awareness
Mary - may	☑ ARRESTED	☐ WANTED	☐ OFFICER SAFETY	☐ PC to Arrest	☐ Need to Identify

ARRESTED







Richard Anthony Jones JR FL DL # J520-471-96-0130 DOB 01/13/1996 5'05"/140 Lbs.

LKA 3668 Day Avenue, Miami, FL Robbery by Sudden Snatching, Burglary to Dwelling, Burglary to Unoccupied Structure, Grand Theft, Aggravated Battery, Battery on LEO, Assault on Firefighter, Fraud, Petit Theft, Loitering and Prowling, Fraud, Criminal Mischief, Possession of Marijuana, Resisting W/O, Trespassing, Disorderly Conduct

On September 2, 2020, at approximately 1636 hours, the above pictured subject entered Suite 1105 at 1390 S. Dixie Highway. Once inside he was asking for monetary donations for a football team. The victim gave the subject money. The subject then attacked the victim and repeatedly kicked her while she was on the floor. The subject fled the scene in an unknown direction. The subject was identified via investigative means. The subject was located today, September 15, 2020 by CGPD patrol units and arrested under CGPD Case No: 20-004799.

If anyone needs additional information please contact Detective Khaled Taha at the Coral Gables Police Department, 305-733-0320.

