



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
August 23, 2022

ITEM TITLE:

Congratulations to Officer Jorge (JD) Gonzalez, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month Award,” for the month of May 2022.

BRIEF HISTORY:

It is an honor to nominate Officer Jorge "J.D." Gonzalez for Officer of the Month May 2022, due to his law enforcement actions in reference to the apprehension of two grand theft subjects and the recovery of a stolen cellphone under CGPD Case# 22-003388.

On May 30, 2022, at approximately 11 :20am, an in-progress cellphone theft occurred at T-Mobile, 2199 Ponce De Leon Blvd. A BOLO was broadcasted on police main advising of the subject description and subject vehicle, a black Ford Explorer, fleeing the 'scene northbound on Ponce De Leon Blvd. Officers were dispatched to the scene and an area canvass was conducted. While conducting a thorough area canvass, Officer J.D. Gonzalez observed the possible subject vehicle at the Shell gas station, 3698 SW 8 Street, Miami, FL, and the possible subject pumping gas. As Officer Gonzalez approached the ga., station in his marked police vehicle, the subject immediately stopped pumping gas, entered the subject vehicle, and fled the scene. Officer Gonzalez notified dispatch of his findings and the subject vehicle's direction of travel. A short distance later, Officer Gonzalez located the subject vehicle in the rear parking lot of La Carreta (3604 SW 8 Street, Miami, FL), and he discovered it had crashed into another parked vehicle. Officer Gonzalez then observed both occupants fleeing the scene on foot in opposite directions. Officer Gonzalez provided the subjects' direction of travel, gave chase, and took one of the subjects into custody. Subsequently, a perimeter was established, and officers flooded the area. Various eyewitnesses provided additional information pertaining to the second subject's direction of travel and possible location. Officers and Property Crimes Detectives on scene were able to locate and apprehend the subject hiding in a hedge along the 800-BLK of Douglas Rd. A show-up was conducting, positively identifying this subject as the one who committed the theft at T-Mobile. The stolen iPhone was located and recovered inside the subject vehicle's center console during the inventory search prior to it being towed.

This is a prime example of Officer Gonzalez's dedication and commitment to the Coral Gables Police Department, the City of Coral Gables, and the residents and businesses we serve and protect. It is without a doubt, Officer Gonzalez is most deserving of the Officer of the Month Award for May 2022. Thank you for your consideration.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. **Nomination memo**