

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: MAJOR JENNIE HOFF
(AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE)

DATE: FEBRUARY 5, 2023

FROM: SERGEANT BO WILLIAMS *BW*
UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

SUBJECT:
2022 OFFICER OF THE YEAR
NOMINATION

I would like to nominate Sgt. Gordon Dickinson (7078) for the 2022 Officer of the Year Award. This year, the Coral Gables Police Department has been able to successfully deter and apprehend many different offenders who have attempted to come into the city to take advantage of it's residents and visitors. Whenever a crime has occurred, there has been an immediate response by officers in coordination with other units and divisions, leading to arrests and cleared cases. I believe Sgt. Dickinson has played a large role in many of those instances, with his leadership and ability to set the example for his subordinates. Below are just some of the incidents that took place this year to show his value to this agency.

On March 26, 2022, at 0943 hours, CGPD Communications Section received a 911 call from 2401 Ponce De Leon Blvd, TD Bank, from a bank teller stating he has just been robbed. As Officers were locating the robbery subject utilizing the confidential tracking system, Sgt. Dickinson immediately responded to the TD Bank and located the victim and witness to get additional information, while securing the scene. The officers were able to stop the offender and get her out of the vehicle, placing her into custody. After the incident, both scenes were properly secured for the FBI, which they later thanked Coral Gables Police for the thorough and complete investigation. (22-001899)

On April 1, 2022, at 0640 hours, officers responded to the 700-block of Solano Prado reference a suspicious vehicle dropping off subjects into the gated community reference possible vehicle and residential burglaries. The officers located the subjects and vehicles that were burglarized. However, one of the offenders ran from officers and a perimeter was established. Sgt. Dickinson was able to lead the efforts with his K-9 unit to conduct a search of the area. Stitch, Sgt. Dickinson's K-9 dog, located the offender in the bushes of a backyard of a residence, resulting in a dog bite apprehension. The 3 offenders were arrested for various felony burglary and theft charges. (22-002037)

On May 27, 2022, the Coral Gables Police Department prepared an Operation Plan for a caravan demonstration which took place on the 1100-block of Ponce De Leon Blvd regarding the United States embargo against Cuba. However, the demonstration included counter-demonstrators who assembled at the same location. During the roll call, Lt. Werner and Sgt. Dickinson gave out clear assignments, directions, rules of engagement, and contingency plans. The supervisors and officers on scene were able to keep demonstrators, with approximately 100 people on each side,

limited to only the sidewalk and parking spaces of the 1100-block of Ponce De Leon Blvd while maintaining the flow of traffic. Each supervisor and officer on this date played a critical role for maintaining safety for our residents, guests, and event participants while allowing those involved to voice their political concerns fairly without bias and with the highest professionalism. (22-003374)

On July 22, 2022, at 1004 hours, the CGPD Communications Section received a 911 call from 10 Aragon Av in reference to a shooting that just occurred, with a victim laying on the ground. They advised the two offenders fled in a possible Dodge Avenger. Sgt. Dickinson located the vehicle, a black Dodge Caliber, and once he got behind the vehicle, a pursuit ensued. Both offenders bailed from the vehicle and Sgt. Dickinson advised dispatch of their physical description, direction of travel and where he needed responding units for a perimeter. As several CGPD units arrived on perimeter posts, Sgt. Dickinson requested support for K-9 from surrounding agencies. He then responded to the Command Post where he assisted in coordinating a canine search team with SWAT members. Both offenders were subsequently located and identified by Sgt. Dickinson and the evidence, including the firearm and cash, were safely recovered.

Unfortunately, the victim in this incident succumbed to his injuries on the scene. However, thanks to Sgt. Dickinson's adept experience, unwavering dedication, and composure under stress, the Coral Gables Police Department, in partnership with surrounding agencies, were able to immediately apprehend and arrest two dangerous homicide offenders who were intentionally targeting victims within the City of Coral Gables. (22-004550)

On September 18, 2022, at 1430 hours, Sgt. Dickinson was parked at the 300 block of Catalonia Avenue in his marked police vehicle. He observed a subject walking toward the front porch of 2900 Lejeune Road. The subject picked up packages and got into a 2014 gray Toyota Camry with the second subject in the driver seat. Due to the high number of package thefts in the area and the subject not going into the residence with the packages, Sgt. Dickinson pulled up in front of the Toyota. The driver then put the Toyota in reverse as Sgt. Dickinson began to exit his police vehicle. The vehicle then went around Sgt. Dickinson's police vehicle, so he immediately issued a BOLO for the vehicle, which was located by other officers in the area. The subjects bailed from the vehicle, but a perimeter was quickly established by responding officers. Both subjects were taken into custody and charged with theft. The packages, which belonged to several different victims, were recovered. (22-5870)

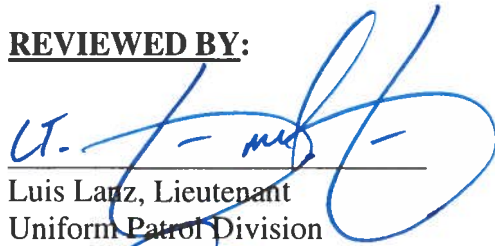
On November 26, 2022, at 0958 hours, CGPD Officers were dispatched to the 1500 block of Mercado Av reference a suspicious vehicle with 4 males wearing covid masks, who then began walking on foot, looking at homes. Sgt. Dickinson was the first to arrive and located the vehicle, a black BMW X3, which was later discovered to have a male slumped down, attempting to avoid detection. Sgt. Dickinson found a second offender walking on the 1400 block of Mercado Av. Sgt. Dickinson quickly notified dispatch to have units canvass the area for the other subjects at large. All four offenders were located and detained to conduct a further investigation. Sgt. Dickinson took the lead on the call and quickly notified the on-call detective while separating each subject. Two of the offenders confessed to attempting to break into the home of 1432 Mendavia Av. All four subjects were arrested and taken to TGK. (22-7521; 22-7522)

Sgt. Dickinson played an intricate role in each of these incidents that were vital to maintaining the safety of the residents and visitors of the City of Coral Gables. These actions resulted with Sgt. Dickinson receiving 2 Officers of the Month Awards, four Squad Certificate Awards, and a Unit Certificate Award for the year 2022 alone. Sgt. Dickinson not only gives direction for those under his command, but he has always led by example by actively patrolling and apprehending violent offenders throughout his twenty-seven-year career with the City of Coral Gables. He should be recognized and commended for his leadership and courage. Therefore, I believe Sgt. Gordon Dickinson should receive the 2022 Officer of the Year Award.

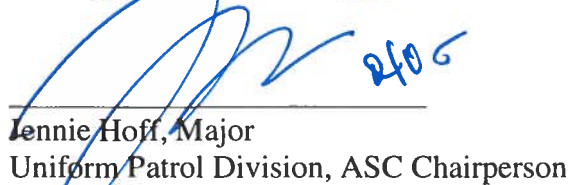
Please see the attached awards for 2022 related to this Nomination:

- March 2022 – Squad Certificate Award
- April 2022 – Squad Certificate Award
- May 2022 – Squad Certificate Award
- July 2022 – Officer of the Month Award
- September 2022 – Unit Certificate Award
- November 2022 – Officer of the Month & Squad Certificate Award

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Luis Lanz, Lieutenant
Uniform Patrol Division

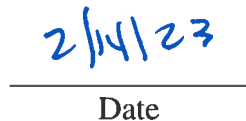


Lennie Hoff, Major
Uniform Patrol Division, ASC Chairperson

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CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: MAJOR JENNIE HOFF
(AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE)

DATE: JULY 31, 2022

FROM: SERGEANT BO WILLIAMS *BW*
UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

SUBJECT:
OFFICER OF THE MONTH (JULY
2022)

On July 22, 2022 at 1004 hours, the CGPD Communications Section received a 911 call from 10 Aragon Av in reference to a shooting that just occurred, with a victim laying on the ground. They advised the offenders were two black males that fled in a possible Dodge Avenger, last seen going towards Galiano St. Sgt. Gordon Dickinson (7078) heard the call and began to respond to the location. While enroute, he observed CGPD units already traveling northbound on Lejeune Rd from Bird Rd, so he anticipated the subjects may attempt to flee out of our City, so he decided to travel eastbound on Bird Rd, then northbound on Douglas Rd and deactivated his lights and sirens to not bring attention to himself.

At 1008 hours, Sgt. Dickinson observed a black Dodge sedan traveling southbound on 2700-block of Douglas Rd. He made a U-turn to get behind the vehicle, which was revealed to be a Dodge Caliber, bearing Florida tag 07BMQJ. He quickly advised dispatch that he had a priority transmission reference he was behind a vehicle matching the description of the offender's vehicle. The vehicle continued southbound towards Bird Rd and then entered the left turn lane to go eastbound on Bird Av, instead, the vehicle continued southbound on Douglas Rd, bypassing all the traffic stopped at the intersection. He was directly behind the vehicle as it approached US1, and it began to pick up speed. The light for southbound traffic was red, but the vehicle proceeded through the intersection at a high rate of speed, almost causing several accidents.

Sgt. Dickinson by this point already activated his overhead lights and sirens prior to the Dodge crossing US1 and he was giving CGPD dispatch clear and controlled communications of his exact location, direction of travel, and immediately requested aviation support. The vehicle made several evasive turns at a high rate of speed, going through multiple four way stop signs. The driver eventually ended up going eastbound on Day Avenue, crossing SW 27 Ave onto eastbound Tigertail Ave. After turning onto Tigertail Ave, the driver attempted to make a left turn onto northbound Darwin St. The driver wasn't able to complete the turn and veered off the roadway, striking a tree on the northeast corner of the intersection. Both offenders bailed from the vehicle and Sgt. Dickinson advised dispatch of their physical description, direction of travel and where he needed responding units for a perimeter.


As several CGPD units arrived on perimeter posts, Sgt. Dickinson requested support for K-9 from surrounding agencies. He also had the presence of mind to preserve the crime scene by

directing officers to place rocks on top of several bills (US currency) on the ground that flew out the vehicle as the offenders fled on foot before they blew away in the wind. He then responded to the Command Post where he helped coordinate setting up a canine search team with SWAT members to respond where information was received by citizens advising of the offenders' location in the perimeter. His team led to the apprehension of first offender and another team located and detained the second offender shortly after. Both offenders were subsequently identified by Sgt. Dickinson and the evidence, including the firearm, were safely recovered.

Unfortunately, the victim in this incident succumbed to his injuries on the scene. However, thanks to Sgt. Dickinson's adept experience, unwavering dedication, and composure under stress, the Coral Gables Police Department, in partnership with surrounding agencies, were able to immediately apprehend and arrest two dangerous homicide offenders who were intentionally targeting victims within the City of Coral Gables. Sgt. Dickinson not only gives direction for those under his command, but he has always led by example by actively patrolling and apprehending violent offenders throughout his twenty-seven-year career with the City of Coral Gables. Sgt. Dickinson should be recognized and commended for his leadership and courage on this day and that is why I believe he deserves the Officer of the Month Award for July 2022.

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Joseph Werner, Lieutenant
Uniform Patrol Division



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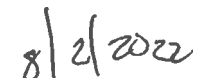


Jesse Medina, Major
Uniform Patrol Division

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Jennie Hoff, Major
ASC Chairperson



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CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: MAJOR JENNIE HOFF
(AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE)

DATE: JUNE 4, 2022

FROM: SERGEANT BO WILLIAMS *BW*
UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

SUBJECT:
SQUAD CERTIFICATE (MARCH 2022)

On May 25, 2022, the Coral Gables Police Department received information that a caravan demonstration was going to take place on the 1100-block of Ponce De Leon Blvd on Sunday May 29, 2022, regarding the United States embargo against Cuba. The event organizer was estimating approximately 50-80 vehicles with 100 participants to attend the event. The demonstration gained national attention on social media and resulted in a call for counterdemonstrations were circulated through other social media platforms.

On May 29, 2022 at 0700 hours, before the protest began, Lt. Joseph Werner assigned Sgt. Gordon Dickinson to supervise the event. Because of the number of protestors and the possibility of counter-protestors, 10 officers were assigned to the detail with half of those officers on scene and the other half on stand-by. During the roll call, Lt. Werner and Sgt. Dickinson gave out clear assignments, directions, rules of engagement, and contingency plans. Sergeant Frederic Dewhurst with Detectives Andy Johnson, Michael Valdes, and Michelle Sarradet were able to assist by providing up to date information of the demonstration before and during the event.

At 0839 hours, counterdemonstrators arrived at the 1200 E Ponce De Leon Blvd at the Freedom Plaza for Jose Marti Monument. To avoid any conflict with the demonstrators who originally planned the event, Officers attempted to ask the counterdemonstrators to leave the area, but they refused. Officers then were able to convince the organizer of the original protest to begin staging vehicles for the caravan on the 1100-block of Ponce De Leon Blvd instead of meeting at the Jose Marti Monument. When the counterdemonstrators attempted to move to the 1100-block of Ponce De Leon Blvd, officers escorted them to the West side of the street while maintaining the vehicles and participants of the original caravan on the east side of the street.

The supervisors and officers on scene were able to keep demonstrators, with approximately 100 people on each side, limited to only the sidewalk and parking spaces of the 1100-block of Ponce De Leon Blvd while maintaining the flow of traffic to one lane Northbound and one lane Southbound on Ponce De Leon Blvd. Officers Joshua Deleon, Elmer Alvarado, Eduardo Pulido, Andrea Carrillo, and Jorge Gonzalez all have had previous experiences to this type of event and were able to apply their previous knowledge to maintain the protest with their command presence, while remaining professional. Officers Casey Rivera, Stephanie Laricci, Anthony Fernandez, and Brian Asbury are all first-year officers and were also able to remain focused

under pressure and worked together as a team to maintain the safety and keep the dignity for everyone involved in the demonstration. (Case 22-3374)

Officer Karla De La Milera and soon to retire, Officer Raymond McCalla, were able to answer all the calls for service in the south-end of our city without disruption or delay for those citizens needing assistance. Officers Juan Martinez, Lisdey Hernandez and Christopher Naya volunteered to start their afternoon shift early to assist me with calls for service in the north-end of our city, including handling a call with a suspicious person inside of a church during their service at 624 Anastasia Av who had a knife on them with Officer Randy Vazquez, who was working an off duty at the location. I was able to follow-up with Sgt. Dewhurst and Detective Sarradet regarding the subject. (Case 22-3373)

Each supervisor and officer on this date played a critical role for maintaining safety for our residents, guests, and event participants while allowing those involved to voice their political concerns fairly without bias and with the highest professionalism. Even with minimum staffing on a busy Memorial Day Weekend, our officers were able to work as a team to maintain calls for service, allow traffic to flow freely, and have no significant incidents or arrests at highly engaged and emotional political protest. Therefore, I believe the individuals listed below should be recognized for their integrity, dedication, and responsiveness to uphold the values of the Coral Gables Police Department.

Personnel Recognized:

Lieutenant Joseph Werner
Sergeant Gordon Dickinson
Sergeant Frederic (Bud) Dewhurst
Sergeant Bo Williams
Detective Andy Johnson
Detective Michael Valdes
Detective Michelle Sarradet
Officer Joshua Deleon
Officer Elmer Alvarado
Officer Eduardo Pulido
Officer Andrea Carrillo
Officer Jorge (JD) Gonzalez
Officers Casey Rivera
Officer Stephanie Laricci
Officer Anthony Fernandez
Officer Brian Asbury
Officer Karla De La Milera
Officer Raymond McCalla
Officer Juan Martinez De La Cruz
Officer Lisdey Hernandez
Officer Christopher Naya
Officer Randy Vazquez

Please see the attached Incident Report (22-003374), Communications Event Report (2022-064383) and attached photo.

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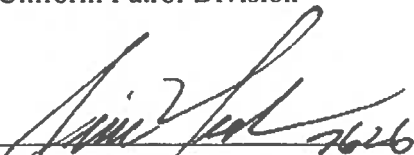
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Joseph Werner, Lieutenant
Uniform Patrol Division



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Jesse Medina, Major
Uniform Patrol Division



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Jennie Hoff, Major
ASC Chairperson



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CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: MAJOR JENNIE HOFF
ASC CHAIRMAN

DATE: APRIL 6, 2022

FROM: SERGEANT PAUL KOPPEL
UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

SUBJECT:
SQUAD COMMENDATION
NOMINATION: CASE #22002037

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I would respectfully like to nominate and recognize the Coral Gables Police Department (CGPD) Alpha Shift officers and supervisors who were instrumental in the apprehension of three (3) burglary/theft suspects with the prestigious Coral Gables Police Department (CGPD) Squad Commendation Award (RE: CGPD Case #22-002037).

On Friday, April 1, 2022, at approximately 0640 hours, on-duty Alpha shift uniform patrol units responded to the 700-blk of Solano Prado which is located inside a Coral Gables gated community named "Old Cutler Bay". Old Cutler Bay security guards advised CGPD call takers that a blue colored sport utility vehicle (SUV) driven by a black female (SU1) had just dropped off a black male (SU2) just outside of the gate house. SU2 then walked into Old Cutler Bay without stopping at the security gate house. Alpha shift uniform patrol officers responded immediately upon hearing the call being dispatched because they recognized similarities with past incidents where houses and/or vehicles were being burglarized inside of a gated community using the same modus operandi.

Once inside the gate community, Alpha shift officers observed a blue SUV parked along the roadside and contacted the black female driver (SU1). SU1 told officers that she was waiting for road-side assistance due to one of the tires had a nail in it. However, all the tires appeared to be normal. Further inquiry revealed SU2 asked SU1 to drop him off outside of the Old Cutler Bay gate, and SU1 was supposed to wait for a phone call from SU2 to receive further instructions. At this point, Alpha shift officers secured the entire gated community including waterways and began looking for SU2. Alpha shift officers eventually located SU2 as he attempted to exit the community on foot. He was walking along the north sidewalk of the 700-blk of Solano Prado and was stopped and detained by Alpha shift officers without incident.

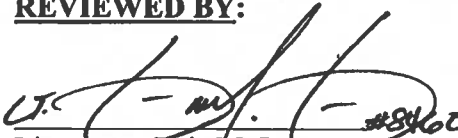
At approximately 7:00 AM, a resident on Balada Street, called 911 to report that he had just witnessed a black male (SU3) attempting to steal his personal watercraft (Jet ski) which was secured to a dock located along a canal, directly behind his property. SU3 was unsuccessful in his attempt to steal the jet ski. The resident also provided CGPD call takers with a detailed description of SU3 and Alpha shift patrol units immediately responded and established a secure perimeter to keep SU3 from leaving the area. CGPD K-9 unit(s) responded on scene and conducted a search house-to-house until they found SU3 hiding in the backyard of a residence.

All three (3) suspects were detained, read Miranda Warnings, interrogated by CGPD detectives, and arrested for various felony burglary and theft charges. Additionally, a criminal background check of SU2 revealed there existed sufficient probable cause to charge her with an additional arrest for a burglary that she had committed in Coral Gables during the month of February 2022 (CGPD Case #22-001075).

I respectfully believe that the Alpha shift officers and supervisors who participated in this investigation, all deserve to receive a commendation award for their outstanding work and professionalism. They all displayed urgency, teamwork, persistence, and patience during a very long and tedious investigation which occurred near the end of their normal ten (10) hour tour of duty. The initial investigation, securing the perimeter and searching lasted over three (3) hours from when Communications received the first 911 call, until K-9 advised that they found SU3 hiding in the bushes.

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Lieutenant Luis M. Lanz
Uniform Patrol Division

4/8/2022


Major Jesse Medina
Uniform Patrol Division Commander

4-11-22


Major Jennie Hoff
Award Selection Committee Chairman

4/13/2022

8 Attachments:

- 1) Incident/Investigation Report #22-002037
- 2) SU1 Complaint/Arrest Affidavit #22-002037
- 3) SU2 Complaint/Arrest Affidavit #22-002037
- 4) SU2 Complaint/Arrest Affidavit #22-001075
- 5) SU3 Complaint/Arrest Affidavit #22-002037
- 6) Communications Event Report #2022-039143
- 7) UPD Daily Roster: Alpha Shift 04-01-2022
- 8) CID BOLO #22-083: "Vehicle Burglars Arrested"

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CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: MAJOR JENNIE HOFF
(AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE)

DATE: MARCH 27, 2022

FROM: SERGEANT BO WILLIAMS *BW*
UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

SUBJECT:
SQUAD CERTIFICATE (MARCH
2022)

On March 26, 2022 at 0943 hours, Coral Gables Operator Jeneva Hitchens and Trainee Michelle Perez received a 911 call from 2401 Ponce De Leon Blvd (TD Bank) from a bank teller stating he has just been robbed. Trainee Perez immediately dispatched the call and notified the Police Dispatcher, Gabrielle Melendez, who then relayed the three-tone of the robbery in progress on Police Main. As Trainee Perez was relaying all the pertinent information about the bank robbery, Sergeant Rhonda Jenkins, who was a call taker, received a call from the 3SI tracking company of the update from the tracker that was activated and she updated the CFS with its current location. At the same time, Operator Breyllis Garcia received notification from the alarm company reference a panic alarm. Operator Zhane Merritt and Trainee Allison Acendra remained available for any additional calls as call takers. Teletype Operator Candace Isaac BOLO'd the City of Miami as the tracker revealed it was traveling northbound on 27th Ave from Coral Way. Communications Acting Supervisor Tabitha Garcia was able to login onto the 3SI account, and she was able to provide up to date coordinates of the tracker and relay it, via Police Main, with the assistance of Sergeant Bo Williams.

Sergeant Gordon Dickinson immediately responded to the TD Bank, while Officer Alex Rodriguez, Sergeant Velier Zaccheo, Officer Jorge Gonzalez, Alex Ortega, Marco Michels and Officer Michael Clarke with Officer Arturo Lujan responded to locate the robbery offender. Officer Rodriguez was able to identify a vehicle traveling eastbound on SW 16 St approaching 17th Ave, which matched the coordinates being advised by police dispatch. At 0952 hours, the officers were able to stop the offender and get her out of the vehicle, placing her into custody without incident. Sergeant Zaccheo, with officers on scene, secured the vehicle without disturbing the crime scene until the FBI could respond to take over the incident. Officer Alexia James responded to properly secure the offender, who was also pregnant. Fire Dispatch Operator Darlene Dean coordinated with Coral Gables and the City of Miami Fire Department to respond to check on the vitals of the offender. Sergeant Dickinson and Officer Eduardo Pulido secured the primary scene at the bank along with the witnesses until the FBI arrived.

Both communication operators and patrol officers were able to apply their training and follow the procedures as explained in Coral Gables Police Department Directive No. 14-08 "3SI Security Systems Electronic Satellite Pursuit (ESP) Tracking System", which is a protocol rarely utilized within our agency. However, all these personnel, which included several of them still in the training phases, demonstrated composure and excellent judgement, which led to an arrest of a bank robbery offender in less than 9 minutes from when the initial call was received. In the process, there were no injuries to civilians, officers, or the offender, with all items recovered and no property damaged. After the incident, both scenes were properly secured for the FBI, which they later thanked Coral Gables Police for our thorough and complete investigation. (22-1899)

This incident is another example of how the employees of the Coral Gable Police Department can properly respond to and manage any emergency while providing police services with honor and excellence in partnership with the people we service. Therefore, I believe the individuals listed below should be recognized for their hard work and dedication to our agency.


Please see the attached Incident Report (22-001899) and Communications Event Report (2022-036701).

Personnel Recognized:

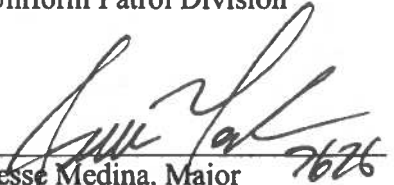
Communications Acting Supervisor Tabitha Garcia
Sergeant Rhonda Jenkins
Operator Jeneva Hitchens
Trainee Michelle Perez
Operator Gabrielle Melendez
Operator Zhane Merritt
Trainee Allison Acendra
Operator Breylis Garcia
Operator Candace Isaac
Operator Darlene Dean
Acting Lieutenant Velier Zaccheo
Sergeant Gordon Dickinson
Sergeant Bo Williams
Officer Alex Rodriguez
Officer Jorge Gonzalez
Officer Alex Ortega
Officer Marco Michels
Officer Michael Clarke
Officer Arturo Lujan
Officer Alexia James
Officer Eduardo Pulido

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Joseph Werner, Lieutenant
Uniform Patrol Division

3/28/2022
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Jesse Medina, Major
Uniform Patrol Division

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Date


Jennie Hoff, Major
ASC Chairperson

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CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: MAJOR JENNIE HOFF
(AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE)

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2022

FROM: SERGEANT BO WILLIAMS *BW*
UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

SUBJECT:
SQUAD CERTIFICATE
(NOVEMBER 2022)

On November 26, 2022, at 0958 hours, CGPD Officers were dispatched to the 1500 block of Mercado Av reference a suspicious vehicle with 4 males wearing covid masks who then began walking on foot, looking at homes. Sgt. Gordon Dickinson was the first to arrive and located the black BMW X3, which was later discovered to have a male slumped down attempting to avoid detection. Sgt. Dickinson found a second offender walking on the 1400 block of Mercado Av. Officers Edward Monteagudo and Officer Nicholas Menocal located the other two of the offenders on the 1400 block of Mendavia Ave who were running back towards their vehicle. All four subjects were detained to conduct further investigation.

Detective Emilio Flores responded to the scene and read the offenders Miranda per card in Spanish. Initially, the four offenders had conflicting stories as to why they were in the neighborhood but after further questioning, they admitted they needed money to get to California, so they were looking to commit a residential burglary. A screwdriver with a bent tip was located on the corner of Alhambra Cir/Mercado Av in the grass in the same vicinity where Officer Menocal observed the two offenders running. Crime Scene Tech Carly Duncan was called out and processed the scene and collected the evidence.

While the offenders were getting arrested and processed for loitering and prowling, the owner of 1432 Mendavia Av returned home, and Sgt. Dickinson made contact with her and asked if he could do an exterior check of the home. The investigation revealed several windows and doors were damaged, which were consistent to the screwdriver that was previous found. Detective Flores questioned the offenders further and two of them confessed to attempting to break into the home and they were charged with the residential burglary.

Many of the residents in the area were initially concerned to the police activity but they were relieved and appreciative to the quick response and ability to apprehend all four offenders who were searching in their neighborhood to find a home to burglarize. The investigation included efforts from both Bravo and Charlie shift patrol, which included detaining the offenders, canvassing the neighborhood, writing reports, and transporting all the offenders. It was also the efforts from CID and our legal advisor team who assisting in building the probable cause for arrest. This incident is another example of how the employees of the Coral Gables Police Department can collectively come together to conduct a full investigation and apprehend

offenders attempting to victimize residents of our city. Therefore, I believe the individuals listed below should be recognized for their hard work and dedication to our agency.

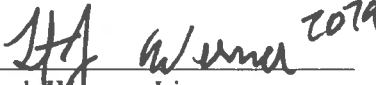
Please see the attached Incident Report (22-7521;22-7522) and Communications Event Report (2022-138835; 2022-138879) with the corresponding Arrest Affidavits.

Personnel Recognized:


- Sergeant Gordon Dickinson
- Sergeant Bo Williams
- Detective Emilio Flores
- Officer Edward Monteagudo
- Officer Jorge Gonzalez
- Officer Nicholas Menocal
- Officer Bryan Maizo
- Officer Andrea Carrillo
- Officer Anthony Fernandez
- Officer Jordan Tillery
- Officer Alexander Rodriguez
- Officer Alexander Ortega
- Officer Randy Vazquez
- Officer Bobby Alexandre
- Officer Angel Reynoso
- Officer Christopher Pena
- Officer Yvette Barreneche
- Crime Scene Tech Carly Duncan

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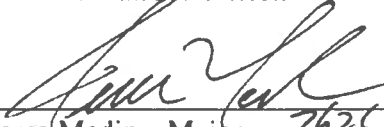
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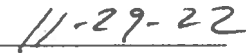
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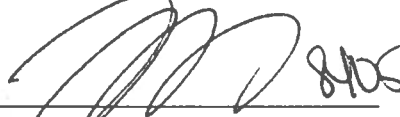
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Jennie Hoff, Major
ASC Chairperson



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TO: MAJOR JENNIE HOFF
(AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE)

DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2022

FROM: SERGEANT BO WILLIAMS *BW*
UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

SUBJECT:
OFFICER OF THE MONTH
(NOVEMBER 2022)

On November 26, 2022, at 0958 hours, CGPD Officers were dispatched to the 1500 block of Mercado Av reference a suspicious vehicle with 4 males wearing covid masks, who then began walking on foot, looking at homes. Sgt. Gordon Dickinson was the first to arrive and located the vehicle, a black BMW X3, which was later discovered to have a male slumped down, attempting to avoid detection. Sgt. Dickinson found a second offender walking on the 1400 block of Mercado Av. Noticing there was something wrong with the offender's demeanor and behavior, Sgt. Dickinson quickly notified dispatch to have units canvass the area for the other subjects at large. All four offenders were located and detained to conduct a further investigation.

Sgt. Dickinson took lead on the call and quickly notified the on-call property crimes detective of what he had. He then directed officers to keep each of the subjects separated, which was later essential to the investigation because post Miranda, the offenders could not develop a story as to why they were there, and they admitted to looking for a home to break into. Then, after further investigation, two of the offenders confessed to attempting to break into the home.

Sgt. Dickinson remained on scene for the duration of the investigation and made contact with the original complainant and assisted officers on the loitering and prowling arrests. He also made contact with the owner of 1432 Mendavia Av, who was initially not home, and he requested to check the exterior of her home and discovered several windows and doors were damaged with a pry tool.

Once again, Sgt. Gordon Dickinson, was able to arrive first on scene and quickly realized that something was not right and notify CGPD dispatch to have officers located the other offenders, who were immediately apprehended. Then he followed up through the whole investigation to make sure the offenders were charged with the appropriate criminal charges without delay. This is why I believe Sgt. Dickinson's outstanding leadership and dedication should be recognized and he should be awarded with the Officer of the Month for November 2022.

Please see the attached Incident Report (22-7521;22-7522) and Communications Event Report (2022-138835; 2022-138879) with the corresponding Arrest Affidavits.

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