

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: AWARD SELECTION COMMITTEE
VIA CHAIN OF COMMAND


DATE: July 30, 2015

FROM: SERGEANT GUIDO ANTEZANA ^{AGA}
UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

SUBJECT:
AWARD/HONOR NOMINATION

I nominate Officer Hector Diaz for Officer of the Month for July 2015. Due to a rash of vehicle burglaries occurring overnight in the area of zone 208 and 209, an Alpha Shift vehicle burglary task force was established. On July 18, 2015 Officer Hector Diaz was working as part of this detail in an unmarked vehicle. At approximately 1:27 AM, a citizen reported two suspicious males who were possibly breaking in to parked vehicles on the 1600 block of Granada Blvd. A B.O.L.O. was issued and several officers including Officer Diaz immediately responded to the area. Officer Diaz observed two juveniles on bicycles in the area of Cortez Street and Sorolla Avenue. These juveniles matched the description in the B.O.L.O. Other responding officers from the Strategic Initiatives Team, Criminal Investigations Section and Alpha shift patrol officers immediately began moving to establish a perimeter anticipating that the suspects would flee. Officer Diaz briefly lost sight of the suspects as they turned a corner. When Officer Diaz turned the corner behind them, he could no longer see the suspects on the street. A perimeter was immediately established. The suspects' bicycles were seen, abandoned in the front yard of 813 Sorolla Avenue. K9 units were requested and Officers Baez and Dickinson responded. The juvenile offenders were quickly located hiding in the back yard 813 Sorolla Avenue. The juveniles were arrested and transported to C.G.P.D. to be interviewed by detectives. One of the offenders admitted that they searched approximately 30 cars in the area that night. He identified a vehicle parked at 1612 Granada Boulevard as one the vehicles they had burglarized. He also admitted that in the previous nights they had burglarized other vehicles. Both offenders had recently been arrested for similar incidents. These arrests were a great example of team work between the involved officers from different units and divisions as well as communication personnel. Officer Hector Diaz's keen observation skills combined with his relentless drive to catch criminals led to the charges in this case and most importantly to the prevention of additional crimes in the City of Coral Gables by these offenders. For his work in this case, I believe Officer Hector Diaz is deserving of this award.

Thank you for your consideration.


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