

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

**TO: MICHAEL MILLER, ASST. CHIEF
ASC CHAIRMAN**

DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2015

**FROM: ALEJANDRO ESCOBAR, SERGEANT
CRASH INVESTIGATION UNIT**

**SUBJECT:
AWARD/HONOR NOMINATION**

Please accept this memorandum as my Officer of the Month Nomination for the Month of October 2015. It is a pleasure to nominate Officer Daniel Smith for his exceptional work performance in the month of October.

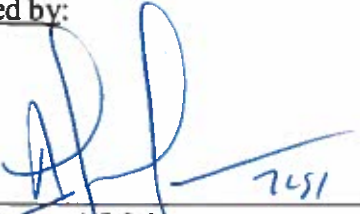
On October 5, 2015 at 0915 hours, Officer Smith was traveling north in front of 1122 S Dixie Highway when he observed Mr. Higgs (Robbery Offender) bumping the Mr. Schwartz (Victim) as he was walking to his vehicle. When Mr. Schwartz attempted to enter into his vehicle, Mr. Higgs held Mr. Schwartz against his vehicle with his hands and body and attempted to reach into the pockets of Mr. Schwartz. A witness attempted to separate Mr. Higgs and Mr. Schwartz. Officer Smith observed the attempted strong-arm robbery and quickly drove into the parking lot. Officer Smith exited his police vehicle and Mr. Higgs attempted to flee the scene on foot. Officer Smith quickly apprehended and arrested Mr. Higgs just 20 yards away.

Investigation revealed Mr. Schwartz attempted to enter his vehicle in an attempt to get away from Mr. Higgs and stated that "he was in fear" for his safety. Mr. Schwartz stated that Mr. Higgs was attempting to get money from him. When Mr. Schwartz declined to hand over money, Mr. Higgs became aggressive. Mr. Higgs was arrested and transported to CGPD and then to TGK.

As mentioned above, Officer Smith used his keen observation skills to notice a felony (strong-arm robbery) taking place and quickly acted to apprehend a violent felon. I respectfully request that you present Officer Smith, a well deserving, **Officer of the Month for October 2015 Award.**

Reviewed by:

Date

For AL  *7451*
B. Lawrence, A/Major
SED Commander

10/27/15

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Michael Miller, Assistant Chief
Award Selection Committee Chairman

10/29/15

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