

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: MAJOR JOHN BAUBLITZ
(AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE)

DATE: JANUARY 14, 2025

FROM: SERGEANT BO WILLIAMS *BW*
UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

SUBJECT:
OFFICER OF THE MONTH
(DECEMBER 2024)

The Coral Gables Police Department initiated its 2024 Holiday Operation Plan to provide a safe and secure environment for residents, visitors, and businesses from becoming victims of crime this past holiday season. This plan included crime prevention tactics to prevent shoplifting incidents from our repeat hotspots by showing high visibility at those locations. Officer Anyelinna Ferrufino (11005), who is a Neighborhood Team Leader (NTL), consistently uses the Community Problem Orientated Policing (CPOP) approach by building a working relationship with businesses in her area, which includes the Target, located at 1906 Ponce Deleon Blvd.

On December 16, 2024, Officer Ferrufino was patrolling her area when she received a call from the loss prevention officer of a subject who had previously shoplifted in the past and was now in the store possibly committing another theft. The loss prevention officer attempted to stop the offender from passing all points of sale and return the merchandise, but he refused and exited the store and then attempted to get into a gray 2014 Nissan Sentra. Officer Ferrufino communicated the BOLO information to dispatch as she arrived in the area. Before the offender was able to get in the vehicle, Officer Ferrufino detained the offender, and she recovered the stolen merchandise. A record check revealed the offender had an extensive criminal past, which included at least 6 convictions for shoplifting, making it a felony. Officer Ferrufino also located a second subject who was involved, and he was wanted for questioning by our detectives in reference to multiple theft incidents that had also taken place from the same Target.

Officer Ferrufino consistently works to build relationships with all the stakeholders within the community. She has developed a strong, trusting relationship with our local Target, who often assist the Coral Gables Police Department in facilitating community engagement events such as "Coffee with a Cop". When they called on her and she was there in a moment's notice, understanding it was the holidays, which is one of the busiest times of the year for the City of Coral Gables. Officer Ferrufino and the other officers and detectives who responded were able to apprehend and arrest career shoplifting offenders who were attempting to take advantage of this busy time of year, but they were unsuccessful thanks to Officer Ferrufino's continued dedication and quick action. This is why I believe Officer Anyelinna Ferrufino should receive Officer of the Month for December 2024.

Please see the attached Incident Reports (24-008157 and 24-006671), along with the corresponding Arrest Affidavits.

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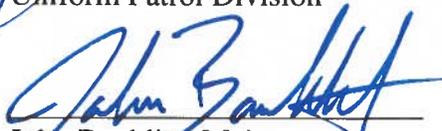
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