

# CITY OF CORAL GABLES

## - MEMORANDUM -

**TO:** EXECUTIVE BOARD OF CORAL GABLES  
LODGE 7

**DATE:** November 4, 2022

**FROM:** SERGEANT JOSEPH CRAMER  
TECHNICAL SERVICES DIVISION

**SUBJECT:**  
ROBERT DEKORTE  
MEMORIAL AWARD  
NOMINATION

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I would like to take this opportunity to submit a nomination for the Robert DeKorte Award. The criteria for this award are that the recipient must exemplify courage, dedication and devotion to duty. Job knowledge, proficiency, morale, and the promotion of brotherhood will also be considered.

I respectfully nominate Brother Gordon Dickinson for this prestigious Award and I will highlight the reasons why.

I have personally witnessed Brother Dickinson display courage, dedication and devotion to duty many times throughout my career, but a recent event that really highlights those traits all at once was when he took action to catch two homicide offenders seconds after they fled from the scene of the brutal murder.

On July 22, 2022 at approximately 10am, Sergeant Dickinson began responding to the area where CGPD dispatch advised that a shooting just occurred and two black male subjects had fled the area in a black Dodge vehicle. He knew from his experience that the subjects would likely flee on Douglas Rd which is where he observed a black Dodge headed south on the 2700 block of Douglas Rd. Sergeant Dickinson made a U-turn, advised on the police radio, and began to follow that vehicle south on Douglas Rd. When the vehicle approached Bird Rd, it was clear to all that were listening to this live on the police radio that this vehicle was not only fleeing from Sergeant Dickinson, but also very likely a vehicle containing multiple homicide subjects. This quickly became a police chase and Sergeant Dickinson remained right behind the subjects the entire time while providing an incredibly detailed, and unbelievably calm, turn by turn depiction of the chase.

Once the car chase ended and the offenders fled, Sergeant Dickinson not only provided accurate and detailed descriptions of the occupants, but also detailed descriptions of the directions of travel that they each took. Because the details of the chase were clear and calmly given, there were police on scene seconds after the bailout occurred. Sergeant Dickinson directed the initial officer to assist him with securing money (both placing rocks on the bills) that was blowing away from the crash scene.

From there, Sergeant Dickinson transferred to his role as an active K9 handler and began to help coordinate a canine search. He then responded to the location where the first offender was seen in a backyard, positively identified by Sergeant Dickinson and then taken into custody.

This event was merely a synopsis of the person and employee Brother Dickinson is. He consistently performs this way, and because this is who we know him to be, it does not seem extraordinary for him. The truth is, Brother Dickinson, who has been a police officer for 28 years, is extraordinary and MOST DESERVING of the DeKorte Award.