



**City of Coral Gables  
CITY COMMISSION MEETING  
January 22, 2019**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Congratulations to Officer Alexander Jorva, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month Award,” for the month of November 2018.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

On November 20, 2018, Officer Jorva was assigned to a detail assisting Officer Sotolongo and Officer Nayel Medina who were patrolling the residential area (Zone 4) in plain clothes and on bicycles. There had been at least two burglaries (18-7990118-7989) at The Palace located at 1 Andalusia Avenue where an unknown male was captured on surveillance entering the premises. The unknown male was also captured vandalizing the property and is a suspect in several dumpster fires that were started in the area. Photos of the subject were obtained from surveillance cameras at The Palace.

A small task force was put together in an attempt to apprehend the subject committing these crimes at The Palace. On November 20, 2018 at approximately 0200 hours, Officer Jorva was conducting proactive patrol in the area of The Palace when he observed a male matching the description of the subject captured on surveillance. The male was riding a bicycle south on Douglas Road and was wearing dark clothing. Officer Jorva immediately notified the other two officers who were on bikes and they began to follow the subject from a distance to observe any suspicious behavior.

Officer Jorva made a decision to initiate a traffic stop based on his suspicious behavior along with the fact that he matched the description of the subject captured on surveillance. The subject was stopped at 32 Avenue and SW 27 Street for a violation observed on Douglas Road. After taking a closer look at the BOLO issued and speaking to the subject, it was determined he was in fact the subject involved in the burglaries. The subject was placed under arrest and transported to the station where he was interviewed by Property Crimes Detectives resulting in a confession to the burglaries. Officer Jorva's efforts were essential in the swift apprehension of a subject responsible for more than one crime in the City of Coral Gables. His attention to detail led to the apprehension of this subject preventing him from victimizing our residents once again. Officer Jorva is deserving of this award and should be considered for Officer of the Month of November.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. **Nomination memo**