City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
May 9, 2023

ITEM TITLE:

Congratulations to Officer Orlando Contreras, recipient of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for the month of February 2023.

BRIEF HISTORY:

ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

That Officer Orlando Contreras is recognized as the Officer of the Month for February 2023.

BACKGROUND

On Thursday, February 23, 2023, at approximately 5:49 AM, Coral Gables Police units were dispatched to a hit and run investigation at the 300-BLK of Miracle Mile. The officers on scene immediately provided a Be On The Look Out (BOLO) with a description of the subject and the vehicle, last seen traveling westbound from the 300-BLK of Miracle Mile.

At approximately 5:55 AM, Officer O. Contreras was patrolling his assigned area when he observed a vehicle traveling southbound on the 3900-BLK of Lejeune Rd, matching the description of the subject vehicle. Upon the vehicle passing Officer O. Contreras, he observed the vehicle front bumper dragging on the roadway and the front driver side tire flat.

Officer O. Contreras immediately took action and positioned his patrol vehicle directly behind the suspect's vehicle as it reached the intersection of Lejeune Rd and S. Dixie Hwy. The subject vehicle then began to travel eastbound on S. Dixie Hwy, where Officer O. Contreras turned on his emergency lights to initiate a traffic stop. Officer O. Contreras provided clear and concise radio transmissions, to include location, vehicle description and speed limit, allowing other officers to respond to his location. The driver of the vehicle then came to a complete stop at SW 32 Avenue and S. Dixie Highway. The driver of the vehicle then stepped out and was placed into police custody for further investigation. The driver of the vehicle was transported to Larkin Hospital for medical evaluation. Further investigation revealed that the driver of the vehicle was in fact the subject of the hit and run in our city and the subject of an ongoing homicide investigation being conducted by the City of Miami Police Department.

ATTACHMENT(S):
  1. **Nomination memo**