



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
COMMISSION MEETING DATE

ITEM TITLE:

Congratulations to Sergeant Bo Williams, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month Award,” for December 2023.

BRIEF HISTORY:

On Monday, December 11, 2023, at approximately 10:18 AM, units were dispatched to a call for service at Galiano Street and Minorca Avenue reference a vehicle burglary (in progress). A description of the subject (juvenile) was provided to responding units.

At approximately 10:31 AM, Sergeant B. Williams advised the subject was attempting to hide at the intersection of Galiano Street and Zamora Avenue. Approximately thirty-three seconds later, Sergeant B. Williams advised the subject was fleeing northbound on foot. Sergeant B. Williams chased the subject on foot until he lost sight of the subject. Sergeant B. Williams advised the last known location and perimeter points were set up for responding units. The Coral Gables Police Department (CGPD) canine unit was called to assist with the search.

Sergeant B. Williams advised responding units that while attempting to stop the subject, he also noticed three other juveniles walking in the same area. While searching for the subject that fled, Officer Dareu Tanis• saw the three other juveniles at the intersection of Ponce de Leon Boulevard and Madeira Avenue, trying to enter the city trolley. These juveniles were detained and subsequently arrested.

At approximately 12:11 PM, a unit advised the subject that fled on foot was seen on video surveillance behind the hotel located at 1721 Ponce de Leon Boulevard.

At approximately 12:14 PM, the canine unit began their search. Approximately forty-five minutes later, Lieutenant Luis Lanz advised the CGPD Communication Center that the last subject was found hiding inside an electrical closet. The subject was also arrested.

Sergeant B. Williams located one subject approximately thirteen minutes after the call was dispatched. The subject fled on foot and a perimeter was quickly established forcing the subject to quickly find a place to hide. After an extensive search by the canine unit the last subject was taken into custody. Sergeant B. Williams' quick response and decisive action while on scene resulted in the arrest of a vehicle burglar and three other subjects. His actions allowed this incident to reach a great resolution without further incident. As such, I am recommending that Sergeant B. Williams be recognized for his efforts via the "Officer of the Month" award for December 2023.

ATTACHMENT(S):

- 1. Officer of Month Nomination for December 2023 – Sergeant Bo Williams**