

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: MAJOR RAUL PEDROSO
ASC CHAIRPERSON

DATE: AUGUST 30, 2012

FROM: DETECTIVE BRAD BAENA
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

SUBJECT: AWARDS/HONOR
NOMINATION

I am honored and privileged to nominate my partner, Detective Andrew Cachinero for *Officer of the Month - August 2012*. During the month of August 2012, Detective Andrew Cachinero displayed outstanding police and investigative skills, and an unrelenting dedication to the City of Coral Gables and the community alike, which is evident in the following Coral Gables Police Department case numbers: *12-5555, 12-5567, 12-6031, 12-6032, 12-6033, 12-6036, & 12-6191*.

The above listed cases were all cleared by arrest, due to Detective Cachinero's desire to seek justice and make the City of Coral Gables a safer place to live and work. Detective Cachinero's great police work, determination, and positive attitude are the attributes our department represents. Below is a summary of all the exceptional work Detective Cachinero has accomplished in the month of August 2012 alone.

Related CGPD Cases # 12-5555 & 12-5567 (ARRESTS MADE): Thefts from motor vehicles

Detective Cachinero was able to identify the three subjects responsible for the vehicle burglary, due to an arrest made by the Miami-Dade Police Department. Detective Cachinero conducted a follow-up investigation entailing detailed interviews, which resulted in successful confessions. Detective Cachinero took one of the subjects on location, which resulted in closing additional vehicle burglaries in the area and the recovery of the stolen goods (i.e. GPSs). The property was recovered and transferred back to the victim's possession. Detective Cachinero was able to close the case out during the month of August with all subjects being arrested and confessions made.

CGPD Case # 12-6031 (ARREST MADE): A stolen vehicle recovery

Officer Sanders observed a vehicle driving without headlights on Bird Rd. He was alerted to the vehicle and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The vehicle subsequently crashed and the occupants bailed out and fled the scene. Three of the four subjects were taken into custody but released on scene due to no probable cause for arrest.

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Detective Cachinero was assigned the case and determined the vehicle was actually stolen out of the City of Miami. During the month of August 2012, Detective Cachinero's keen investigative skills enabled him to identify and locate the fourth subject who was subsequently placed under arrest and charged with the crime. The subject provided a confession.

CGPD Case #'s 12-6032, 12-6033, & 12-6036 (ARRESTS MADE): Stolen vehicles and vehicle burglaries

In reference to case 12-6032, the victim filed a stolen vehicle report dated August 7, 2012. On August 8, 2012 West Miami PD arrested a subject inside the victim's reported stolen vehicle. Detective Cachinero received the information via West Miami PD and responded to the subject's residence. The subject was located and transported to CGPD for questioning on his own free will. Due to Detective Cachinero's advanced interview skills, the subject admitted to stealing the victim's vehicle with his friend. He also admitted to committing various vehicle burglaries in the City of Coral Gables, while utilizing the victim's vehicle. The subject agreed to go on location with Detective Cachinero, where he pointed out the above listed vehicle burglaries in the City of Coral Gables.

Note: Inside one of the vehicles was a ***loaded Glock pistol***, which was taken by the offenders. Due to the serious nature of the crime, Detective Cachinero immediately attempted to locate the second subject. Detective Cachinero went to the subject's residence and got written consent to search the premise. Detective Cachinero conducted a thorough search of the premise and successfully located the stolen handgun underneath a mattress wrapped in a hoodie. The gun was properly recovered and Crime Scene processed the scene.

In addition to the recovery of the stolen handgun, numerous stolen items (electronics) were recovered inside the subject's residence. Among the stolen articles, were police equipment taken from a Miami Beach police vehicle dated a week prior. On this same date, the second subject turned himself into Detective Cachinero. The subject was questioned and made a full confession to the above offenses (stealing vehicles and breaking into vehicles). Due to Detective Cachinero's quick actions, he was able to recover a stolen handgun and took a dangerous individual off the streets.

In reference to case 12-6033, the victim's vehicle was stolen from their driveway on August 7, 2012. The vehicle was later recovered by CGPD patrol units on August 8, 2012. Located inside the victim's vehicle was a 9mm Glock magazine. Detective Cachinero was able to match the Glock magazine to the stolen handgun listed above reference case 12-6063. More importantly, Detective Cachinero was able to get a confession from the above subjects in reference to their involvement in the theft of the victim's vehicle.

CGPD Case # 12-6191 (ARREST MADE): Recovery of stolen property from a residential burglary CGPD Case 12-6190

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On August 13, 2012, during a Burglary Task Force conducted by the Crimes Against Property Unit, Detective Maurice Poirier observed a suspicious vehicle in the southern district of Coral Gables. Surveillance of the vehicle was conducted by the Unit as a whole. During the surveillance on the vehicle, Detective Andrew Cachinero's acute observation skills were alerted to the driver discarding jewelry out the passenger window, while the vehicle was in motion. The jewelry (estimated worth \$25,400.00) was quickly recovered from the roadside. A traffic stop was subsequently initiated by the Property Unit. The jewelry was immediately identified and confirmed as taken from a residential burglary earlier that morning from 430 Almeria Ave in reference to case 12-6190. Due to the jewelry confirmation, detectives were able to arrest the driver for dealing in stolen property. It is without question, Detective Cachinero's great observation skills enabled detectives to affect a good arrest and take another bad guy off the streets.

It is undeniable that Detective Andrew Cachinero's hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication to the Coral Gables Police Department and the community alike make him most deserving of Officer of the Month for August 2012. It is a privilege and honor to work alongside Detective Andrew Cachinero. He not only brings great attributes to the Criminal Investigations Unit but the department as a whole. These various examples only touch the surface of his work ethic and commitment to the department and citizens of the City of Coral Gables.

Thank you for your consideration.

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