

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: ASSISTANT CHIEF MICHAEL MILLER
ASC CHAIRMAN

DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2016

FROM: SGT. JOSEPH CRAMER 
UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

SUBJECT:
OFFICER OF THE MONTH
AWARD NOMINATION

On November 1, 2016 at approximately 1126 hours, a caretaker at 101 San Sebastian Avenue responded to the front door of the residence after hearing the doorbell ring. She looked out and saw a black male standing outside of the door, but only spoke to him through a window near the door. The male seemed startled and said that he was offering lawn services, to which the caretaker replied that the homeowner already had landscapers. The male then left the porch area and got into an awaiting black vehicle with dark tinted windows, which was parked on the sidewalk, and the vehicle then left the area.

Officer Kevin Kelley, who was working a burglary task force detail at the time, heard this call over the police radio and found it to be suspicious. He immediately went to the surrounding area in an attempt to locate this vehicle and its occupants. While driving along the 3200 block of Monegro Street, he observed a black Chevrolet Impala with dark tinted windows backed into the driveway at 3231 Monegro Street. As he drove past the vehicle, he was able to notice that the driver seat was occupied, so he attempted to turn his vehicle around to further investigate. As Officer Kelley was in the process of returning to the vehicle, he watched as it exited the driveway with the passenger door partially ajar. The vehicle drove north on Monegro Street and then west on Romano Avenue as Officer Kelley followed. The vehicle then turned north onto Ponce De Leon Boulevard where Officer Kelley initiated a traffic stop. The vehicle now turned east onto Malaga Avenue where it stopped for its excessively dark tinted windows. The occupants (a 23 year old black male and a 19 year old black male) exited the vehicle at the request of Officer Kelley. A search of the vehicle revealed that it was a rental vehicle with tinted window on the outside. The interior only contained a large screwdriver, two sets of gloves and a wool skull cap.

Once another officer arrived, Officer Kelley returned to the residence that he observed the vehicle backed into. He noticed pry marks and damage to an impact window in the front of the house. Contact was made with the owner and he advised that it was a freshly remodeled home and there was no damage whatsoever. Further investigation revealed that the pry marks were consistent with that of the screwdriver found in the black Impala.

Both subjects were questioned by detectives and subsequently arrested for residential burglary.

Officer Kelley's keen observation skills and instincts led him locate two felony offenders and interrupted a residential burglary from taking place. This type of action is deserving of recognition and I believe he deserves consideration for the award of Officer of the Month – November 2016.

Case # 16008274

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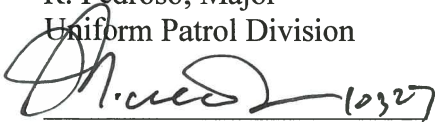
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