## CITY OF CORAL GABLES

## - MEMORANDUM -

TO: MAJOR SILVERIO-MOLINA

DATE:

**JANUARY 7, 2014** 

ASC CHAIRMAN

FROM:

SERGEANT R. HOFF

**SUBJECT:** 

AWARD / HONOR NOMINATION

UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

On January 03, 2014, at approximately 0155 hours, units were dispatched to the Courtyard Marriott Hotel at 2051 LeJeune Road in reference to an "Attempted Fraud Incident". Upon arrival, Officer Kevin Kelley and Officer Adrian Gonzalez made contact with the Victim who advised a male in room #235 ordered a credit card under her identity from Nordstrom. Early in the evening, the victim received a phone call from Nordstrom's to confirm and verify she requested a new credit card from Nordstrom to be mailed overnight to this location. The Victim advised she did not request a credit card from Nordstrom.

The Officer's attempted to do a knock and talk. After several knocks and no answer, they heard movement coming from the room. Officer Kelley then heard the rear sliding glass door open. Officer Kelley advised Officer Gonzalez to stay in front of the room while he went to check the rear of the room. Officer Kelley advised he observed the offender running eastbound on the 300 Block of Minorca Avenue towards Salzedo Street with a bunch of papers in his hands. Both Officers pursued the subject on foot.

Officer Kelley and Officer Gonzalez pursued the offender. The Offender then ran toward 301 Madeira Avenue where an apartment building is located. Officer Kelley and Officer Gonzalez then made contact with the offender and gave verbal commands; the Offender refused to comply so Officer Kelley deployed his Taser striking the Offender's torso. The Offender continued to violently resist, striking the right side of Officer Gonzalez's face and both officers were unable to handcuff the Offender.

The Offender then got up and began to flee again. The Officers encountered him again and the Offender continued to resist. The Offender was able to escape again and he fled again. Both Officers were able to reengage with the offender just west of the apartment building at 301 Madeira Avenue. The Offender attempted to disarm Officer Gonzalez but his efforts were thwarted. The offender then ran eastbound from the rear of the apartment building.

The Offender was then discovered traveling north on 1700 Block of Salzedo Street where he began resisting all of the Officers attempts to take him into custody. After receiving assistance from several Officers including Officer Dickinson and his partner 'Stitch', the Offender was placed in handcuffs by Officer Kelley and Officer Gonzalez.

Detective Garcia and Detective Carbonell were summoned to the scene and began a follow up investigation. Numerous documents were discovered throughout the offender's hotel room. Each of these documents contains hand written information that appears to be stolen identity information. As a result of their preliminary investigation, it would appear that they will be able to charge the Offender with numerous cases of fraud committed throughout Miami-Dade County. In addition to the numerous charges against the Offender for this case, the Offender had six Outstanding "No Bond" warrants for fraud related offenses.

The persistence of these Officer's in this case is just one example of the excellent police work Officer Kelley and Officer Gonzalez brings to work every day. For their efforts in this case and his dedication to this Department and the citizens of Coral Gables I recommend both of them for the honor of Officer of the Month.

Reviewed by:	<b>DATE</b>
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Awards Selection Committee

Attachments: Incident / Investigation Report
Arrest Affidavit