



City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
August 24, 2022

ITEM TITLE:

Congratulations to Detective Alfred Fernandez, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Detective of the Quarter Award,” for the Second Quarter 2022.

BRIEF HISTORY:

I am honored to nominate Detective Alfred Fernandez for the Detective of the 2nd Quarter Award 2022.

During the 2nd quarter of the year, Detective Fernandez handled 32 active investigative cases, during his on-call rotation. The cases he investigated were the following: domestic battery, harassment, stalking, assaults, aggravated battery, kidnapping with a sexual battery, video voyeurism and a shooting.

CGPD CASE 22-3260

On May 23, 2022, Detective Alfred Fernandez was called in to investigate an armed kidnapping and armed sexual battery. Det Fernandez quickly established that this was a domestic related incident. Det Fernandez interviewed the victim, obtained a detailed account of what had occurred, and acquired a complete description of the offender. During the preliminary investigation, he took the victim on location with Det Cruz and Crime Scene Tech Sierra, to a remote location inside of Matheson Hammock Preserve (Mangrove area) located at 9610 Old Cutler Rd. Once at the location, they walked through the mangroves and standing water with the victim and determined the exact location of the armed sexual battery. Crime Scene and Det Fernandez photographed and collected physical evidence needed to proceed with the case.

Once the identity of the subject was revealed, surveillance was conducted at the subject’s address. On June 2, 2022, surveillance was conducted on the 4700 blk of NW 6th Street. The subject was observed entering his white Ford F-150 and was followed to a gas station where he was taken into custody. Once at the Coral Gables Police Station, Det Fernandez gave the subject his Miranda Rights and interviewed him. During the interview Detective Fernandez was able to solicit a full confession and returned to the residence to recover the kitchen butcher knife used to threaten the victim. The subject was arrested and booked into the Dade County Jail.

CGPD CASE 22-3223

On May 21, 2022, Det Fernandez was called in to investigate a suspicious incident at 10901 Old Cutler Rd (Fairchild Tropical Garden). Det Fernandez arrived on the scene and interviewed the reporting party. According to an employee from Fairchild Tropical Garden, she discovered a concealed cellular phone recording inside one of the restrooms at Fairchild Tropical Gardens.

A preliminary investigation revealed the cellular phone belonged to a volunteer for Fairchild Tropical Gardens. Det Fernandez impounded the cellular phone and quickly contacted the owner / subject. The subject agreed to be interviewed at the Coral Gables Police Dept. Once at the Police Station, Det Fernandez read Miranda Rights to the offender and solicited a confession from the subject. Det Fernandez obtained and served a search warrant on the offender's cellular phone. He reviewed all the images and videos associated with the subject's cellular phone was able to identify two other victims. He interviewed and secured recorded sworn statements from the unsuspecting victims.

The investigation revealed, the subject deliberately hid his cellular phone behind a stack of toilet paper and allowed his cellular phone to record videos of unsuspecting females while using the restrooms. An arrest warrant is forthcoming.

Det Fernandez's intensity, determination, experience, and investigative skills have led to a successful apprehension of the subjects responsible for the following sex related crime cases. Coral Gables Police Department case: CGPD CASE 22-3260 and 22-3223.

ATTACHMENT(S):
Nomination memo