

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: MAJOR JENNIE HOFF
AWARD SELECTION CHAIRPERSON

DATE: March 8, 2023

FROM: OFFICER ALEXANDER ORTEGA
UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

SUBJECT:
AWARD/HONOR NOMINATION

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ACTION/RECOMMENDATION

That Officer Orlando Contreras is recognized as the Officer of the Month for February 2023.

BACKGROUND

On Thursday, February 23, 2023, at approximately 5:49 AM, Coral Gables Police units were dispatched to a hit and run investigation at the 300-BLK of Miracle Mile. The officers on scene immediately provided a Be On The Look Out (BOLO) with a description of the subject and the vehicle, last seen traveling westbound from the 300-BLK of Miracle Mile.

At approximately 5:55 AM, Officer O. Contreras was patrolling his assigned area when he observed a vehicle traveling southbound on the 3900-BLK of Lejeune Rd, matching the description of the subject vehicle. Upon the vehicle passing Officer O. Contreras, he observed the vehicle front bumper dragging on the roadway and the front driver side tire flat.

Officer O. Contreras immediately took action and positioned his patrol vehicle directly behind the suspect's vehicle as it reached the intersection of Lejeune Rd and S. Dixie Hwy. The subject vehicle then began to travel eastbound on S. Dixie Hwy, where Officer O. Contreras turned on his emergency lights to initiate a traffic stop. Officer O. Contreras provided clear and concise radio transmissions, to include location, vehicle description and speed limit, allowing other officers to respond to his location. The driver of the vehicle then came to a complete stop at SW 32 Avenue and S. Dixie Highway. The driver of the vehicle then stepped out and was placed into police custody for further investigation. The driver of the vehicle was transported to Larkin Hospital for medical evaluation. Further investigation revealed that the driver of the vehicle was in fact the subject of the hit and run in our city and the subject of an ongoing homicide investigation being conducted by the City of Miami Police Department.


SYNOPSIS/CONCLUSION

Officer Contreras' observation skills, quick thinking, and decisive actions prevented this dangerous individual from remaining at large. Officer O. Contreras was on midnight overtime and was about to end his shift 5 minutes before observing the subject vehicle. Nonetheless, Officer O. Contreras took action and conducted his duties as a Police Officer. The subject was charged with first-degree murder for the killing of an elderly female in the City of Miami. The subject intentionally stole the victim's vehicle, used it to kill her, and later committed another hit and run in the City of Coral Gables. His actions that night prevented someone else from becoming a victim. As such, I am recommending that Officer Orlando Contreras be recognized for his efforts via the "Officer of the Month" award for February 2023.

APPROVAL

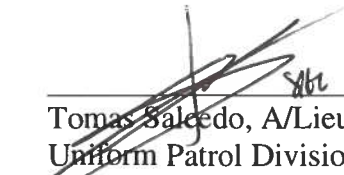
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DISAPPROVAL


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Rhonda Jenkins, Sergeant
Uniform Patrol Division

03/08/2023

Rhonda Jenkins, Sergeant
Uniform Patrol Division


Tomas Salcedo, A/Lieutenant
Uniform Patrol Division

3/9/23

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J. Hoff, Major
ASC Chairperson

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Attachments (2)

- 1) CGPD Incident/Investigation Report Case # 23-001245

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INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT

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Agency Name <i>Coral Gables Police Department</i>
ORI <i>FL0130200</i>

Case# <i>23-001245</i>
Date / Time Reported <i>02/23/2023 05:49 Thu</i>
Last Known Secure <i>02/23/2023 05:48 Thu</i>
At Found <i>02/23/2023 05:49 Thu</i>

Location of Incident <i>300 MIRACLE MILE - BLK, Coral Gables FL</i>	Gang Relat <i>NO</i>	Premise Type <i>Street / Sidewalk /</i>	Zone/Tract <i>04</i>
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#	Crime Incident(s)	(Com)	Weapon / Tools	Activity
#1	<i>Vehicle Hit & Run VEB</i>		Entry Exit Security	
#2	<i>Crime Incident</i>		Entry Exit Security	
#3	<i>Crime Incident</i>		Entry Exit Security	

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# of Victims <i>2</i>	Type: <i>INDIVIDUAL</i>	Injury: <i>None</i>	Domestic: <i>N</i>
V1	Victim/Business Name (Last, First, Middle) <i>TORRENTS, EMILIO ELEAZAR</i>	Victim of Crime # <i>I,</i>	DOB <i>05/10/1988</i> Age <i>34</i>
	Home Address <i>13840 SW 112 ST - 208, Miami, FL 33186-</i>	Email <i>emiliorrentsnst@gmail.com</i>	Resident Status <i>Non-Resident</i>
	Employer Name/Address	Business Phone	Home Phone <i>786-376-2949</i> Mobile Phone <i>786-376-2949</i>
VYR <i>2014</i>	Make <i>TOYT</i>	Model <i>CAMRY</i>	Style <i>4D</i>
	Color	Lic/Lis	VIN <i>4T1C11AK6PU721373</i>

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CODES: V- Victim (Denote V2, V3) WI = Witness IO = Involved Other RP = Reporting Person (if other than victim)

Type: <i>BUSINESS</i>		Injury:	
Code <i>V2</i>	Name (Last, First, Middle) <i>CITY OF CORAL GABLES</i>	Victim of Crime # <i>I,</i>	DOB <i>//</i> Age <i>:</i>
	Home Address <i>405 BILTMORE WAY CORAL GABLES, FL 33134</i>	Email	Resident Status <i>N/A</i>
	Employer Name/Address	Business Phone	Home Phone <i>305-442-1600</i> Mobile Phone <i>305-442-1600</i>
Type: <i>INDIVIDUAL</i>		Injury:	
Code <i>IO</i>	Name (Last, First, Middle) <i>LOPEZ, MERCEDES</i>	Victim of Crime #	DOB <i>01/31/1952</i> Age <i>71</i>
	Home Address <i>1630 SW 4 ST - 2 MIAMI, FL 33135</i>	Email	Resident Status
	Employer Name/Address	Business Phone	Home Phone Mobile Phone

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1 = None 2 = Burned 3 = Counterfeit / Forged 4 = Damaged / Vandalized 5 = Recovered 6 = Seized 7 = Stolen 8 = Unknown
("OJ" = Recovered for Other Jurisdiction)

VI #	Code	Status Frm/Tc	Value	OJ	QTY	Property Description	Make/Model	Serial Number
2	35	4	<i>\$1,000.00</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>CONCRETE TRAFFIC BARRIER</i>		
	<i>TRU</i>	<i>IMPO</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>2013 BRO. EHKN31 FL</i>	<i>HOND Crv</i>	<i>5J6RM3H36D1045146</i>
1	<i>PASS</i>	<i>OTHE</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>		<i>1</i>	<i>2014 BLK. GLSM61 FL</i>	<i>TOYT Camry</i>	<i>4T1C11AK6PU721373</i>

Officer/ID# <i>ALEMAN, M. (UPD, PAT) (11437)</i>	Invest ID# <i>BAEZ, J. C. (SED, CIU) (11470)</i>	Supervisor <i>RODRIGUEZ, J. J. (UPD, PAT) (8456)</i>
Complainant Signature	Case Status <i>Active</i>	Case Disposition: <i>02/23/2023</i>
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Incident Report Additional Name List

Coral Gables Police Department

OCA: 23-001245

Additional Name List

Name Code/#	Name (Last, First, Middle)	Victim of Crime #	DOB	Age	Race	Sex
1) WI 1	PEREZ, KRISTIAN		05/01/1997	25	W	M
	Address 16000 SW 155 CT, MIAMI, FL 33187-		H: 786-603-2247			
	Empl/Addr		B: - -			
			Mobile #: 786-603-2247			

INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT

Coral Gables Police Department

Case # 23-001245

Status Codes	L = Lost S = Stolen R = Recovered D = Damaged Z = Seized B = Burned C = Counterfeit / Forged F = Found					
D R U G S	UCR	Status	Quantity	Type Measure	Suspected Type	Up to 3 types of activity
Assisting Officers <i>THOMSON, R.H. (7203)</i>						

Suspect Hate / Bias Motivated:

INCIDENT/INVESTIGATION REPORT

Narr. (cont.) OCA: 23-001245

Coral Gables Police Department

NARRATIVE

On February 23, 2023, at approximately 0549 hours, CGPD units were dispatched to the 300-blk of Miracle Mile in reference to a hit and run investigation.

Upon arrival, I made contact with Emilio Torrents (Victim 1), who stated he parked his gray Toyota Camry bearing Fl Tag (GLSM61) along the on street parking on the south side of the aforementioned location.

Mr. Torrents stated he was next to his vehicle when he observed a dark colored SUV traveling westbound on the 300-blk of Miracle Mile. Mr. Torrents stated he made eye contact with the driver who later identified as Jonah Desaulniers (Offender). Mr. Torrents stated he observed the vehicle make a U-Turn. The vehicle began traveling eastbound, crossed over the traffic lanes, and crashed into the rear right bumper of Mr. Torrents' vehicle. The SUV later identified as a Honda CRV bearing Fl tag (EHKN31) also struck a City of Coral Gables concrete traffic barrier at the same time.

Mr. Torrents stated the vehicle then reversed, fled eastbound from the scene, and turned northbound on Salzedo St.

I then contacted Mr. Kristian Perez (Witness) who stated he was standing on the north sidewalk on the 300-blk of Miracle Mile and observed the incident take place. Mr. Perez corroborated the statements of Mr. Torrents. Mr. Perez also provided a video recording from his cell phone of the dark in color Honda CRV leaving the scene of the crash.

The Honda CRV was located by CGPD units using the video and descriptions from Mr. Torrents and Mr. Perez (reference CGPD Case #23001246). Mr. Desaulniers was cited for careless driving (AHG4ESE) and for leaving the scene of a crash involving property damage without providing information (AHG4EVE).

No injuries were reported from either party on scene.

CGPD IT Department was notified of the incident and will preserve footage of crash from a street camera on scene.

Sgt. Rodriguez (8456) responded to the scene.

Incident Report Suspect List

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1	Name (Last, First, Middle) <i>DESAULNIERS, JONAH WILLIAM</i>					Also Known As					Home Address <i>525 W 47TH ST MIAMI BEACH, FL 33140</i>				
	Business Address														
	DOB	Age	Race	Sex	Eth	Hgt	Wgt	Hair	Eye	Skin	Driver's License / State				
<i>06/10/1999</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>M</i>		<i>511</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>BRO</i>	<i>BRO</i>	<i>LIG</i>	<i>D245439992100 FL</i>					
Scars, Marks, Tattoos, or other distinguishing features															
Reported Suspect Detail															
Suspect Age		Race	Sex	Eth	Height			Weight			SSN				
Weapon, Type	Feature	Make		Model			Color	Caliber	Dir of Travel			Mode of Travel			
Veh Yr / Make / Model		Drs	Style		Color		Lic Plate / State			VIN					
Notes							Physical Char								

Incident Report Related Vehicle List

Coral Gables Police Department

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1	VehYr/Make/Model <i>2013 HOND, Crv</i>		Style <i>UT</i>		Color <i>BRO</i>		Lic/Lis /Decal <i>EHN31 FL 2024, 04019918</i>		VIN <i>5J6RM3H36DL045146</i>		
	IBR Status <i>Impounded</i>		Date <i>02/23/2023</i>		Location <i>300 MIRACLE MILE, CORAL GABLES FL</i>						
	Condition		Value <i>\$0.00</i>		Offense Code <i>9914</i>		Jurisdiction <i>Locally</i>		State # <i>V120519243</i>		NIC #
	Name (Last, First, Middle) <i>Lopez, Mercedes</i>					Also Known As			Home Address <i>1630 SW 4 ST - 2 MIAMI, FL 33135</i>		
	Business Address										
	DOB <i>01/31/1952</i>	Age <i>71</i>	Race <i>W</i>	Sex <i>F</i>	Hgt <i>504</i>	Wgt <i>110</i>	Scars, Marks, Tattoos, or other distinguishing features				

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2	VehYr/Make/Model <i>2014 TOYT, Camry</i>		Style <i>4D</i>		Color <i>BLK</i>		Lic/Lis /Decal <i>GLSM61 FL, 01319357</i>		VIN <i>4T1C11AK6PU721373</i>		
	IBR Status <i>Other</i>		Date <i>02/23/2023</i>		Location <i>300 MIRACLE MILE, CORAL GABLES FL</i>						
	Condition		Value <i>\$0.00</i>		Offense Code <i>9914</i>		Jurisdiction <i>Locally</i>		State #		NIC #
	Name (Last, First, Middle) <i>Torrents, Emilio Eleazar</i>					Also Known As			Home Address <i>13840 SW 112 ST - 208 MIAMI, FL 33186 786-376-2949</i>		
	Business Address										
	DOB <i>05/10/1988</i>	Age <i>34</i>	Race <i>W</i>	Sex <i>M</i>	Hgt <i>506</i>	Wgt	Scars, Marks, Tattoos, or other distinguishing features				

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