


CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: MAJOR RAUL PEDROSO
ASC CHAIRPERSON

DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2011

FROM: DETECTIVE BRAD BAENA 
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DIVISION

SUBJECT: AWARDS/HONOR
NOMINATION

I am honored to nominate Officer Nelson Rodriguez for Officer of the Month October 2011. His outstanding police work in reference to Coral Gables Police Department Case # 11-007534 was evident by his quick response and unrelenting actions in the apprehension of two out of three burglary subjects. In addition, Officer Nelson Rodriguez displayed superior police work in reference to Coral Gables Police Department Case # 11-008494, when he located and initiated a traffic stop of a suspected burglary subject vehicle as it was casing the City of Coral Gables residential neighborhood stopping the potential burglars in their scheme.

CGPD Case # 11-7534:

An in-progress residential burglary had occurred at 109 Santander Ave. While on his motor, Officer Nelson Rodriguez immediately responded to the area and conducted an area canvass in search of the offenders at large. During his diligent canvass of the surrounding neighborhood, he observed two individuals matching the description of the offenders walking southbound on Douglas Rd. As Officer Nelson Rodriguez attempted to make contact with both subjects, they immediately fled on foot in an attempt to evade him. Without losing sight and maintaining radio transmission with dispatch, Officer Nelson Rodriguez apprehended one of the subjects while maintaining his composure and awareness during this stressful encounter. After placing the one subject into custody and without hesitation, Officer Nelson Rodriguez proceeded to scan his environment and observed the third subject hiding in a bush in the adjacent area. Subsequently, Officer Nelson Rodriguez placed the third and final subject into custody without further incident.

CGPD Case # 11-8494:

The homeowner at 3707 Lejeune Rd contacted the Coral Gables Department to report he had just confronted a suspicious person at his residence's front door. The homeowner advised the subject rang the doorbell six times and then walked to the front window facing the residence's living room and began peering inside. The homeowner observed this unusual behavior and immediately grabbed a knife from the kitchen and confronted the subject at the window from inside his residence. The subject, believing there was no one inside, got startled and told the homeowner he lived in the residence to the rear and was looking for his lost dog. The homeowner realized this individual was possibly going to burglarize his residence; therefore, he notified police.

Officer Nelson Rodriguez once again took swift action and responded to the immediate area in search of the subject. While canvassing the area, Officer Nelson Rodriguez was alerted to a suspicious vehicle leaving a driveway of a residence. While using his intuitive skills and law enforcement experience, Officer Nelson Rodriguez subsequently initiated a traffic stop. During a brief interaction with the subjects, Officer Nelson Rodriguez determined they were unable to provide a plausible reason for them being in the area. Officer Nelson Rodriguez went into investigative mode and requested the homeowner at 3707 Lejeune Rd conduct a show-up to confirm the passenger as the subject involved in the initial suspicious incident.

Post show-up, the homeowner positively identified the passenger as the subject he encountered at his residence with 100% certainty. A records check was conducted on both individuals. The driver's past revealed an extensive criminal history including a recent residential burglary arrest. Due to their inability to dispel the officers' alarm as to their reasons for being in the area post Miranda, both subjects were arrested for Loitering & Prowling. As a result, Officer Nelson Rodriguez stopped two subjects from possibly committing a burglary or future burglary in the area. This arrest has also assisted the Coral Gables Police Department Property Crimes Unit with identifying possible burglary subjects in the area and to solve future or unsolved burglaries to our City.

It is undeniable that Officer Nelson Rodriguez' hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication to the Coral Gables Police Department and the community alike makes him most deserving of Officer of the Month for October 2011. It is a privilege and honor to work alongside Officer Nelson Rodriguez. He not only brings great attributes to the motor unit but the department as a whole. These two examples only touch the surface of his work ethic and commitment to the department and citizens of the City of Coral Gables.

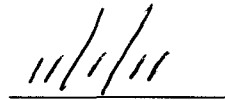
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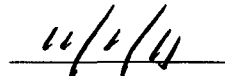


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