

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

**TO: AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE
(VIA CHAIN OF COMMAND)**

DATE: MAY 21, 2010

**FROM: SERGEANT THOMAS M. CARRIGAN
ECONOMIC CRIMES UNIT**

**SUBJECT:
OFFICER OF THE MONTH MAY
2010**

I would like to take this opportunity to nominate **Detective Edward Garcia** for Officer of the Month (**May 2010**).

Detective Garcia has been monitoring a confidential informant for approximately one year. During the month of May several federal arrests were conducted. **Detective Garcia** has dedicated a significant amount of time investigating and working in conjunction with local and federal agencies. As a result of **Detective Garcia**'s expertise and dedication five arrests were initiated with the assistance of the United States Postal Inspectors, reference mail theft that led to high end stolen vehicles, identity theft, and stolen tax return with a possible loss of 2.7 million dollars. Investigations continue to spin off this initial arrest. In addition, the C.I has received stolen mail out of Venezuela for Venezuelan residents who have accounts in our local banks. The stolen statements have a value of 5.2 million US dollars. Identity theft was planned for these accounts which were prevented due to **Detective Garcia**'s initiative.

On May 14, 2010, **Detective Garcia** responded to Houston's restaurant assisting with a fraud in progress call. **Detective Garcia**'s knowledge of fraud lead a detailed investigation which resulted in the arrest of two individuals whom committed credit card fraud throughout Miami-Dade County. As a result of his investigative skills the investigations are continuing, and additional arrests are imminent.

Detective Garcia was contacted by a representative of Bill Ussery Motors advising two individuals were attempting to purchase two vehicles worth \$238,264.86. The individuals were attempting to utilize a US Treasury promissory note worth \$297,831.08. Detective Garcia initiated an investigation involving the US Department of Revenue and local agencies. On May 20, 2010, a sting operation was initiated and three individuals were arrested for grand theft, uttering forged instrument and scheme to defraud. Once Again without **Detective Garcia**'s thoroughness, knowledge and dedication local business would have lost thousands of dollars.

Officer Garcia should be recognized and commended for taking a proactive approach in performing his police duties. He is an asset to our unit and with each investigation he demonstrates motivation, diligence and professionalism.

See related & attached reports.