



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
February 23, 2021**

ITEM TITLE:

Congratulations to Sergeant Jesus Rodriguez, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month Award,” for the month of December 2020.

BRIEF HISTORY:

On December 30th, 2020, at approximately 12:07 AM, Sergeant Jesus Rodriguez (ID #8456) was working an off-regular-duty security detail inside the gated Gables Estates community when G4S Security officers notified him that two suspicious (2) black males, wearing hoodies and dark colored pants were observed on their live-feed closed circuit television (CCTV) surveillance camera system. The suspicious males appeared to be looking at high-end luxury vehicles parked in the private residential driveways along the 300 block of Arvida Parkway.

Sergeant Rodriguez immediately became concerned and advised all on-duty uniform patrol units over the Police Main radio channel what the G4S Security officers had told him and requested Dispatch to send additional units to saturate the area. Several units responded and began saturating the area where the suspicious males were last seen as Sergeant Rodriguez remained with G4S Security to monitor the live-feed CCTV system and relay any new or critical information to the uniform patrol units who were looking for the suspicious males.

At approximately 12:45 AM, two (2) G4S Security officers went to make sure 280 Arvida Parkway was secure because the homeowner was out of town. Upon entering the backyard, they encountered one of the suspicious males hiding in the bushes. The G4S Security officers advised over their radios that they had the male detained at gunpoint and requested police assistance. Upon hearing this, Sergeant Rodriguez immediately advised Dispatch to send any available patrol units to assist the G4S Security officers on a "3". Several responded and placed the male into custody without incident. Miranda was read and the male admitted that he had been dropped off on Old Cutler Road with another black male, who was wearing all black clothes.

Based on the aforementioned events, circumstances and information, Sergeant Rodriguez knew it was only a matter of time before the second suspect attempted to leave the gated community, so he decided to remain nearby the Gables Estates guardhouse for the rest of his tour of duty to monitor any vehicles coming into or going out of Gables Estates, as well as coordinate with G4S Security who were monitoring the live-feed CCTV system.

At approximately 3:20 AM, G4S Security were monitoring the live-feed CCTV system when they advised Sergeant Rodriguez that they observed the second suspect walking along the 300-BLK of Arvida Parkway. Several CGPD units responded to Arvida Parkway but the suspect saw them approaching and went back into hiding. Sergeant Rodriguez was more determined than ever to locate the suspicious male, so he continued monitoring any vehicles coming in or going out of Gables Estates, and the suspicious

male apparently had no choice but to remain hiding inside Gables Estates for the remainder of the night.

At approximately 7:30 AM, Sergeant Rodriguez was informed by G4S Security officers that they had just observed the suspicious male on live-feed CCTV, leaving a residence located at 705 Arvida Parkway. The suspect then pretended to be jogging westbound, towards the main entrance/exit/security guard house on Arvida Parkway. Sergeant Rodriguez waited patiently for the suspicious male to approach the guard house and immediately placed him into custody without further incident.

I truly believe that on this evening, several Coral Gables residents would have had their vehicles burglarized and/or stolen, if it were not for Sergeant Rodriguez's determination and tenacity. Additionally, I believe that both subjects were apprehended in this case because Sergeant Rodriguez took it upon himself to collaborate with G4S Security, monitor their live-feed CCTV system, monitor their radio transmissions and relayed critical information over the Police Main radio channel to on-duty patrol units.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that Sergeant Jesus Rodriguez be considered for the CGPD Officer of The Month Award for December 2020.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. **Nomination memo**