



**City of Coral Gables**  
**CITY COMMISSION MEETING**  
**January 14, 2020**

**ITEM TITLE:**

Congratulations to Officer Michael Daniels and Officer Alejandro Rivera, recipients of the City of Coral Gables "Officer of the Month Award," for the month of October 2019.

**BRIEF HISTORY:**

On October 9th, 2019, at approximately 11:40 P.M, Field Training Officer (FTO) Michael Daniels (ID #8404) and University of Miami Probationary Police Officer Alejandro Rivera (ID #90071) were driving eastbound along the 1100-BLK of S. Dixie Highway, passing the CVS Pharmacy located at 1160 S. Dixie Highway.

Officer Daniels noticed what appeared to be two CVS employee's attempting to stop a white male subject from leaving. The subject then fled on a bike, southbound through the parking lot toward Turin Street. FTO Daniels told PPO Rivera to turn right from S. Dixie Highway onto Turin Street, and upon making a right turn, FTO Daniels and PPO Rivera both observed the subject attempting to leave the area on a gray mountain bike, carrying three (3) very large and heavy bags.

As FTO Daniels and PPO Rivera ordered the subject to stop and he dropped a large red cloth bag on the ground revealing a large amount of new retail items similar to the property that would be sold at a CVS Pharmacy. In addition, the subject was in possession of two (2) other very large and heavy bags which he could barely keep in his possession without falling from his bike. Inside all three bags, were large amounts of CVS Pharmacy retail items related to personal hygiene.

The subject was temporarily detained while interviewing the store manager who he stated that he observed the subject walked out of the CVS Pharmacy exit doors, making no attempt to pay for the items in his possession. Closed circuit television footage also recorded and corroborated the aforementioned incident and subject identity. A tally of all CVS merchandise in the subject's possession at the time of his arrest added to a grand total of \$726.29. The subject was arrested and transported to jail.

**ATTACHMENT(S):**

1. **Nomination memo**