

# CITY OF CORAL GABLES

## - MEMORANDUM -

**TO: MAJOR TERRI S. MOLINA**  
**ASC CHAIRPERSON**

**DATE:** OCTOBER 17, 2014

**FROM:** SERGEANT JOHN LUNA   
UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

**SUBJECT:**  
OFFICER OF THE MONTH  
NOMINATION

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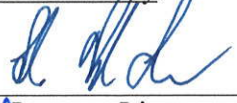
I would like to nominate Officer Joseph Fleres for the Officer of the Month Award for his keen observations and his quick actions to capture a strong arm robbery offender.

On October 15, 2014, Mrs. Olivares was standing on the corner of Lejeune Road and Navarre Avenue when she was approached by Mr. Banegas. Mr. Banegas pretended to be lost and asked Mrs. Olivares where was 42<sup>nd</sup> Street. Mrs. Olivares told him he was on 42<sup>nd</sup> Street and turned to point north. At this time, Mr. Banegas grabbed Mrs. Olivares necklace from her neck and fled eastbound on Navarre Avenue carrying a book bag. Mrs. Olivares attempted to follow him but lost sight of him in the area of Salzedo Street and Navarre Avenue. Mrs. Quintana (witness) observed Mr. Banegas running Southbound on Salzedo Street from Navarre Avenue. She then saw him toss a book bag over the fence of a construction site located at 2000 Salzedo Street.

While patrolling the area in his unmarked vehicle, Officer Fleres observed a white male running southbound on Salzedo Street and he appeared to be in a panic. He then observed the white male run into the parking garage of 306 Alcazar Avenue. While following the white male, Officer Fleres heard the BOLO description of the robbery offender and it matched the person he was observing. Officer Fleres went into the parking garage and observed the white male crouched down behind a wall. The white male was identified as Michael Banegas. A show-up was conducted and a positive identification was given by Mrs Olivares.

Officer Fleres should be awarded the Officer of the Month Award for his diligence in identifying and capturing a strong arm robber offender.

Reviewed by:

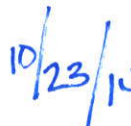
  
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