

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: A/MAJOR BART BARTA **DATE:** JANUARY 22, 2015
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISI
FROM: SERGEANT KLAUS REINOSO **SUBJECT:**
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISI AWARD / HONOR
NOMINATION

I respectfully request that Detective Robert Wentzell be considered for the Officer of the Month Award.

Detective Wentzell was instrumental in investigating and arresting four offenders in case 14001375.

The case required lengthy investigation on the part of Detective Wentzell. From a single report of a cloned credit card used to defraud a bank in Coral Gables, Detective Wentzell uncovered a four person ring that was using the same scheme to defraud many banks in the South Florida area. The offenders would open a bank account, fund it with \$10,000-\$15,000 and then travel out of the country. Another offender would then use a cloned card to make multiple withdrawals depleting the account. The original offenders would then travel back into the country and make a report of fraud on their account. The banks would reimburse the offenders their money. In this way, the offenders were able to defraud numerous banks. In conjunction with the Secret Service and the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, Detective Wentzell was able to secure four arrest warrants and two search warrants. The warrants were executed at the same time with the assistance of the Coral Gables SWAT Team. The operation netted four arrests and many items of evidentiary value. Together the amount of loss to local banks was over \$100,000.

It is therefore that I would like to nominate Robert Wentzell for the Officer of the Month award.

REVIEWED BY:

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