

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

-MEMORANDUM-

TO: ASST. CHIEF MICHAEL C. MILLER DATE: MARCH 3, 2015
AWARDS SELECTION CHAIRPERSON

FROM: SERGEANT ERASMO LOPEZ SUBJECT:
UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION OFFICER OF THE MONTH

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Officer St. Amand for officer of the month award, for the month of March. Documented below is the incident that generated this memo.

On March 3, 2015, Officer St. Amand was assigned to the Burglary Task Force to conduct unmarked surveillance on the parking lot of 1150 S. Dixie Hwy. At approximately 1225 hours, Officer St. Amand observed a blue Ford Crown Victoria eastbound on the 1100 block of Madruga Avenue at a high rate of speed. The vehicle turned north on Turin Street and east onto S. Dixie Hwy in an abrupt fashion. Officer St. Amand noticed that the driver was driving in a manner unusual for the traffic patterns in the area. Officer St. Amand then decided to follow the vehicle. Approximately 5-10 seconds later, dispatch advised that a theft from a commercial motor vehicle had just occurred and the vehicle involved was a light blue Ford Crown Victoria occupied by three black males.

Due to substantial radio transmissions, Officer St. Amand activated his emergency radio button and advised dispatch that he was behind the vehicle. Unaware that they were being followed, the vehicle continued to drive at a high rate of speed east on S. Dixie Hwy through the intersections of Granada Blvd., Riviera Dr., and Lejeune Rd. Officer St. Amand advised dispatch that the vehicle was bearing Florida tag "T492MQ". The vehicle then turned south east onto Grand Avenue toward the intersection of Douglas Road. At the intersection of Douglas Road and Grand Avenue, the Offenders and Officer St. Amand were stopped due to heavy traffic ahead. Officer St. Amand exited his vehicle and ordered the subjects out at gunpoint.

As Officer St. Amand approached the vehicle, Officer St. Amand was able to observe the stolen property in plain view sitting in the back seat next to Charles Wilson King. Officer St. Amand then observed James Arthur King behind the wheel of the vehicle and Danyelle Samuel Jackson sitting in the front passenger seat wearing a blue shirt with yellow lettering. At that point in time, several marked Coral Gables Police units approached the vehicle and the offenders were taken into custody without further incident. Detective Brad Baena, Sgt. Vicky Merino, Sgt. Dean Wellinghoff and Major Raul Pedroso responded to the scene.

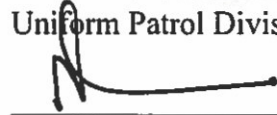
It is due to Officer St. Amand's keen observations that led to the capture of these offenders. It is this constant display of professionalism, positive attitude, and investigative tenacity that makes Officer St. Amand an exceptional and strong candidate for the Officer of the Month Award.

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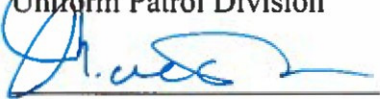
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