

CITY OF CORAL GABLES

- MEMORANDUM -

TO: ASST. CHIEF MICHAEL MILLER **DATE:** JANUARY 7, 2016
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

FROM: LIEUTENANT KLAUS REINOSO  **SUBJECT:**
UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION AWARD / HONOR
NOMINATION

I respectfully request Officer Raiza Mejia-Mardis be considered for the Officer of the Month Award.

Synopsis:

Vehicle Burglary 800 Block Pizzaro Street
Case# 15000072

During the morning hours of January 5, 2016 Officer Raiza Mejia-Mardis was patrolling zone 3, her assigned zone. She made an observation in the darkness of two shadows that were approximately two blocks away. She responded to the area and called for backup. When she arrived in the area where she had seen the shadows she realized that the subjects were gone. She and her back-up, Officer Lujan, briefly searched the area locating the subjects a short distance from where there were first seen. An investigation ensued and it was shortly discovered that the subjects were engaged in criminal activity. Officer Mardis engaged additional resources and the investigation continued. In the middle of the night and on a dimly lit street with the assistance the investigation found that the subjects had broken into several cars along Pizzaro Street. Vehicle burglaries have chronically plagued this particular area.

The victim vehicles were located and Crime Scene was called. The investigation also revealed that the subjects were temporarily staying at the Jamaica Inn Motel on Southwest Eight Street. Units were dispatched to the motel to investigate further. Detectives from the criminal investigation division were engaged to assist in the investigation. The subjects were transported to the station for further interrogation by detectives. As a result detectives were able to continue the investigation at the Jamaica Inn Motel, uncovering additional evidence that is linked to additional criminal activity.

This success is no accident. Officer Mardis is one of Alpha shift's most proactive team members and a truly committed officer. She has asked to be assigned to zone 3 and has been very successful in her efforts as crime has been significantly reduced in that zone during the last few months.

Therefore, I respectfully nominate Officer Raiza Mejia-Mardis for the Officer of the Month award for January 2016.

REVIEWED BY:



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Major Raul Pedrosa
Uniform Patrol Division



Asst. Chief Michael Miller
Professional Standards Division

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