CITY OF CORAL GABLES

-MEMORANDUM-

TO:

ASSISTANT CHIEF MICHAEL MILLER

JUNE 1, 2016

ASC CHAIRPERSON

FROM:

OFFICER EDWARD GARCIA

UNIFORM PATROL DIVISION

SUBJECT:

DATE:

OFFICER OF THE MONTH NOMINATION FOR MAY 2016

FOR OFFICER JESUS J.

RODRIGUEZ

It is with great honor that I take this opportunity to nominate Officer Jesus J. Rodriguez for Officer of the Month for May 2016.

On May 19, 2016 at approximately 0648 hours, Officer Rodriguez, along with Officer S. Blumstein, was dispatched to the area of the 700 block of S. Alhambra Circle in reference to a suspicious individual. Upon arrival, Officer Rodriguez made contact with residents from 730 and 745 S. Alhambra Circle who provided a description of the individual in question. Officer Rodriguez then began to check the area. He was able to locate the individual and attempted to stop him for questioning. Upon seeing Officer Rodriguez, subject fled from him in order to avoid capture. A perimeter was quickly set in order to contain the individual and units began a grid search. Subject was later found by Sgt. L. Lanz hiding behind an air conditioning unit at 6827 Altamira Street and placed under custody. At this point, Officer Rodriguez arrested the individual, identified as Rafael Lastres, for L&P in order to hold him. There was a possibility that this same individual had committed other such burglaries in the area as other related calls were being received by CGPD.

Officer Rodriguez could have easily turned the investigation over to a Property Crimes Detective, and gone on with his patrol duties. However, he didn't. He took it upon himself to speak to all parties involved, coordinated with CGPD Crime Scene Tech and put all the pieces together in order to charge the individual for all the criminal activities he had committed that night. Even though the apprehension part of the call was a team effort, it is what Officer Rodriguez personally did after the initial arrest that makes him well deserving of the Officer of the Month recognition.

Officer Rodriguez took the initiative and began to put the pieces together in order to form a solid case against this individual who was already out on probation. He spoke and/or coordinated with residents and officers at:

- 730 S. Alhambra Circle (Subject knocked at front door resident provided description)
- 740 S. Alhambra Circle (Criminal Mischief)
- 745 S. Alhambra Circle (Subject knocked at front door resident provided description)
- 830 S. Alhambra Circle (Subject committed vehicle burglary)
- 6827 Altamira Street (Subject's arrest location had a concealed weapon on his person)
- 6901 Camarin Street (Subject knocked at front door in order to use a phone)
- 6906 Talavera Street (Subject stole a clock)
- 6920 Talavera Street (Possible video surveillance of Subject)

Cases related to this investigation are 16-003878, 16-003882, 16-003884 and 16-003885 (See attached Offense Incident reports for further detail of events and information).

Officer Rodriguez' dedication to duty, knowledge and tenacity took this individual off the streets; thus making the community a safer place. As such, I am proud to nominate Officer Jesus J. Rodriguez for Officer of the Month for May 2016 for his outstanding police work.

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