



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
November 13, 2018**

ITEM TITLE:

Congratulations to Officer Peter Hernandez, recipient of the City of Coral Gables “Officer of the Month Award,” for the month of August, 2018.

BRIEF HISTORY:

On August 23, 2018, at approximately 9:36 p.m. (Charlie Shift), Officer Peter Hernandez (ID #10617) was working static patrol at the intersection of Galiano Street and Oviedo Avenue (Zone 1 of the City). Officer Hernandez observed a Hispanic male wearing a “Black hoodie jacket with white stripes down the sleeves.” The male was walking southbound on the sidewalk, at the 800 block of Galiano Street, just a block away from 888 Douglas Road (parking garage). He was near the area where multiple vehicle burglaries (Case # 18-005674 & 18-005678) had occurred during the early morning hours (less than 24 hours) on the same date (Alpha Shift, first vehicle burglary was reported at approximately 4:30 a.m., 18-005674). The Coral Gables Police Department’s *Internal Message Report*, which is another way of information sharing amongst personnel, had included a BOLO (Be On the Look Out) description for the wanted burglary subject: a young looking Hispanic Male, possibly 18 to 28 years of age, last seen wearing a black hoodie with white stripes down the sleeves, wearing a black baseball cap and white sandals. This BOLO’d description was taken from video surveillance provided by the parking garage at 888 Douglas Road. The subject had entered and stolen items from three vehicles from within the parking garage, all of which were left unlocked.

Officer Hernandez advised Coral Gables Dispatch that he was out with a male fitting the BOLO’d description from the vehicle burglaries. Based on the description and proximity to the vehicle burglaries, the male was transported to the Coral Gables Police Department for questioning. The male confessed (post Miranda Warnings) that he entered the parking garage and took the property: an Apple iPod, Canon Camera & Tri-pod. All of the stolen property was recovered (Case 18-005674 & 18-005678).

Officer Hernandez has been with the Police Department for only 2 ½ years (with no prior Law Enforcement) and during that time period, he has proven to be a proactive officer with keen observation skills, who always strives to serve the community with professionalism. Officer Hernandez continues to demonstrate he is an asset to the agency and it has been a pleasure to supervise him during this past year!

Officer Hernandez’s observation skills, as well as his ability to engage the subject led to the apprehension and arrest less than 24 hours of the crimes being committed. There is no doubt this subject would have continued victimizing our residents and depriving them of their property had Officer Hernandez not intervened. This is why I believe Officer Peter Hernandez is deserving of the Officer of the Month Award for August 2018.

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. **Nomination memo**