



**Date of occurrence:** Monday, July 16, 2018

**Employee Name:** Lesmes Ruiz

**Classification:** Police Officer

**Unit/Division:** Patrol

**Award/Commendation type and recommendations:** Letter of Commendation  
Officer of the Month

**Narrative:**

On July 16, 2018 at 0240 hours, Officer Lesmes Ruiz was patrolling the residential and observed a vehicle operating with their high beams at 90<sup>th</sup> Street and Froude Avenue. Officer Ruiz conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle and observed it to be occupied by five (5) males. Four of the five males were identified as juveniles and one as an 18-year old adult. The occupants of the vehicle stated the vehicle was a rental and that they were trying to return it but could not provide any further information with whom they were returning the car. The occupants stopped speaking to officers when asked for more details. A record check of the temporary tag attached to the vehicle did not match the VIN (vehicle identification number) on the vehicle. A further inquiry of the VIN of the vehicle revealed it was reported stolen out of Miami Gardens, FL on April 17, 2018. All five occupants of the vehicle were immediately handcuffed with the assistance of back up officers. Officer Ruiz is to be commended for being vigilant and proactive while patrolling, stopping the vehicle and investigating the matter further. Ultimately leading to the arrest of five criminals and charging all of them with Grand Theft MV and recovering a stolen vehicle. Congratulations to Officer Lesmes Ruiz as a recipient of Officer of the Month...well deserved!