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CATCHING A COP KILLER

It happened on Wednesday, October 31st, 2007, when Philadelphia Police Officer Charles Cassidy was gunned down at a local Dunkin Donuts by John Lewis. Lewis was captured less than a week later, at the Miami Rescue Mission, Tuesday morning, November 6th. On January 8th, 2008, Officer James Walker was shot dead behind the wheel of his car in North Miami by Andrew James Rolle. On January 14th, Rolle was arrested right outside Miami Police Headquarters. Although a group effort by many resulted in the apprehension of these cop killers, it was the quick thinking and expertise of two officers in particular, that took these killers off the streets.



First, Officer Garrett Wing, age 24 at the time of the arrest, graduated from BLE 228. His parents are Miami Officer Gordon Wing and retired Miami Officer Tawndra Wing. Assigned to Patrol in Wynwood, Wing became aware of Cassidy's killer by way of a flyer issued by the U.S. Marshalls. It was a 6 AM sunrise when Wing heard over the radio that the cop killer was possibly at the Miami Rescue Mission. He was first to arrive followed by K9 Ofc. Gil Gonzalez and Ofc. Michael New. Under the supervision of Sergeant Rafael Toirac, a perimeter was set up around the shelter. Wing recalls a somber mood engulfed the air as the team, with weapons drawn, entered the building immediately after the Mission director positively identified the killer on the flyer. Once inside, the director enters the busy chapel and convinces Lewis to step outside. Wing, along with the officers, immediately nabs Lewis and places him into custody. When asked about the experience, Wing describes having sweaty palms and expecting the worse to happen but instead, a calm six foot male wearing a large puffy yellow coat holding a bible in one hand appeared. Wing said, "I think he was ready to give up. He was tired of running." Wing also stated that without a doubt, it was one of the most nerve-wracking yet rewarding experiences thus far in his career.



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CHIEF'S CORNER



Greetings:

The New Beat gives me the opportunity to congratulate all of you for the excellent job you are doing. There are many positive things happening at the Miami Police Department. Recently, the Specialized Operations Section made our new Grapeland Heights Substation their home, a move which has given them ample space to perform their duties and us, here at Headquarters, a bit more room to accommodate our growing police force. Immediately after, the Miami Police Training Center spearheaded their first, fully independent Public Service Aide Academy at Grapeland, after thirty years of reliance on local academic institutions for certification. An additional 30 PSAs are anxiously waiting for the next class. This is historic and unprecedented for our agency and it's only the beginning.

The future is closer than you think for us. Just look out the window of our Headquarters and you will see the initial construction for the new Miami Police College and High School for Law Studies, Homeland Security and Forensic Sciences. This project brings to mind the "*pardon our dust*" messages at facilities which temporarily inconvenience their patrons during capital improvement projects. For a while, we'll have to contend with parking challenges, large trucks around Central, and the inevitable dust and debris. I promise that the results will be worthwhile in the coming year when this one-of-a-kind venture opens its doors to local and foreign students.

Another welcomed change is the addition of a new member of my staff, City Attorney Lysia H. Bowling a former Dade County Assistant State Attorney and prosecutor with the State of Texas with a vast amount of experience in law enforcement legal matters and training. Ms. Bowling will be reviewing and revising policy and will be our official legal instructor for the Academy. Welcome!

I look forward to bigger and greater things at Miami PD in the coming months. Keep safe!

Sincerely,

John F. Timoney
Chief of Police

(continued from page 1) With a similar experience is Wing's good friend, Officer Eric Guzman. Also, 24 years old and from BLE 228, Guzman is son of Major Armando Guzman. He is assigned to K9 and has always known since childhood that he wanted to be a police officer.

Guzman was at home on January 8th when he received the news that Ofc. Walker had been killed early that morning, first by his father and then by his Sergeant who let him know that he was on standby if K9 was needed. It was a hard blow, he said, to know that a fellow officer had died. On January 15th, while at the police station completing a lost/damage report for his torn uniform, he hears over the radio that suspected cop killer, Andrew James Rolle, was in a pick up truck parked along side Police Headquarters. His first instinct was to jump into his car and head toward the front of the station, but something told him to go around the 5th street side instead. His reaction paid off as he pulls up behind Rolle's truck. A lady, outside the truck, informs Guzman that Rolle was inside the truck and wanted to turn himself in. Positioning himself behind a large metal pole, Guzman directs the subject to come out of the truck and lay on the ground. With the assistance of Ofc. Orville Small and Ofc. Nicholas Dorta, Rolle is apprehended. Guzman remembers reacting on pure instinct and training. "I called my dad and told him I caught him. He knew, without explaining, who I meant."

THE FLAG OF HONOR

On Wednesday, January 30, 2008, Chief Timoney presented the Flag of Honor to the James Walker family at a ceremony held in front of Police Headquarters. The Flag of Honor has traveled throughout the country in honor of fallen American heroes (military, police and fire) since the tragic attacks of September 11th.



At the end of the ceremony, the flag was hoisted high in front of the station in memory of Detective Walker. *(Appearing in photo is Chief Timoney along with the Miami Honor Guard, headed by Major Craig McQueen)*

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME



Chief Timoney sings "Take me out to the ball game" with the Downtown Charter School children's choir at a Marlins game, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the song and promote the season opener March 31, 2008. In return, the Marlins donated 100 tickets for our PAL kids to go to the game.

Miami Force #1

On March 29, 2008, the Miami Police Department or better known at the event as the Miami Force, was victorious against the New York Police Department 14 to 9. The game, coordinated by Major Jorge Gomez, brought approximately 400 residents together for a fun filled afternoon.



First pitch was tossed by Chief Timoney. Also in attendance was Miami Police Ofc. Michael New who recently recovered from a serious car accident while attempting to reach an officer in distress, and Miami-Dade Ofc. Amaury Hernandez who survived a gunshot wound to the head.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The annual black history celebration took place on Friday, February 29th, 2008 at the North District Substation. In attendance were approximately 300 participants who partook of the cultural art exhibits, vendor displays, crafts, jewelry and gifts. The celebration featured a special appearance by the 2007-2008 Champions and 6A State Champions, Miami Northwestern "Mighty Bulls" football team and the 4A State Champions, Booker T. Washington "Tornados" football team which were honored at the event. The festivities included samplings of traditional African American dishes. Personnel from the Community Relations made the event possible with the help of Tacolcy Center, Weed & Seed, C.O.P. and the City of Miami N.E.T.



OFFICERS OF THE MONTH

February

Officer Eric Guzman

March

Officer Jose Mercedes

CLICK IT OR TICKET

Officer Angel Travieso of the Miami Police Traffic Enforcement Unit, is presented with a letter of recognition for being the highest producer of the State of Florida's 2007 "Click IT or Ticket" (CIOT) enforcement campaign to save lives. Click It or Ticket, a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration mobilization campaign, is the most successful seatbelt enforcement movement ever, helping to create the highest national seatbelt usage. It began in 1993 when the governor of North Carolina launched the program.



JAMES WALKER

A thousand times we needed
you
a thousand times we cried,
If love alone could have saved
you

you never would have died,
A heart of gold stopped beating
two twinkling eyes closed to rest,
God broke our hearts to prove
he only took the best,
Never a day goes by that
you're
not in our hearts and in our
souls.



PAMELA CHISOLM

MOVING ON

The following personnel retired this quarter:

30 Years

Officer Pedro Llanes
Officer Avis Tucker-Brown

28 Years

Officer Gary Green
Officer Michael Marquez

27 Years

Major Anne M. Childress
Officer Mario A. Garcia
Officer Manuel C. Gomez
Officer Ricardo Granda
Officer Rafael A. Masferrer
Officer Jose N. Saavedra
Charmaine Sutton

26 Years

Major Michael L. Colombo
Lieutenant Carlos Alfaro
Sergeant Fernando Acosta
Officer Carlos Balasino
Officer Thomas J. Cameron
Officer John J. Carey
Officer Nelson Cruz

25 Years

Captain Andrew Vera
Lieutenant William L. Schwartz
Sergeant Robert W. Baker
Officer Antonio Miranda
Officer Mark A. Velez

23 Years

Officer Amador Diaz
Officer Tawndra Wing

22 Years

Officer Ronald L. Mathews
Officer Akin Toker

21 Years

Officer Alfred J. Bryant

19 Years

Officer Julio C. Carrasco
Officer Angel L. Travieso

18 Years

Officer Michael O. Stelzer

Miami Police retiree reunion May 16, 17 & 18, 2008 at the Plantation Inn, Crystal River, Florida. Good time was had by all. A lot of friendship and love.
Cy Sijakowsk

GROUNDBREAKING POLICE COLLEGE

A groundbreaking ceremony took place on January 18th, 2008 for the City of Miami state-of-the-art Police College and Senior High School for Law Studies. The idea stemmed from a discussion that took place over a decade ago between Miami-Dade



Schools Superintendent Rudy Crew and Chief John F. Timoney. This 112,264 square foot facility will be located adjacent to Miami Police Headquarters and is expected to be

connected via an elevated, enclosed bridge. The project is slated for completion by the fall of 2009.

LYSIA BOWLING

Lysia H. Bowling is the latest addition to the Miami Police family. She joined the Office of the City Attorney as a Police Legal Advisor to Miami Police in February of this year. She has been in the law enforcement arena for most of her career and served as a trainer at the Miami-Dade College School of Justice, Criminal Justice Program. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Latin American Studies from Yale



University and a Juris Doctorate from University of Virginia. She taught law this past March to the first PSA class at the Grapeland Heights Station. We would like to welcome Ms. Bowling and wish her good luck.

CAN YOU GUESS WHO?

This employee was born in the Bronx and was raised in Buenos Aires and Miami Beach. This person used to skydive on a regular basis. Before entering the field of law enforcement, this person worked as a telephone operator, security guard and secretary at a bank. This person was also the first PSA ever at Miami Beach Police and held the ranks of police officer and sergeant at Miami Police. In February of 2003 this person adopted their first daughter and in December of 2007, they adopted their second daughter, both from the Republic of China.

Answer below.

Lieutenant Gladys Amato