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To: Captain Tim Lalor
Thru: Lieutenant Mark Bonora

From: Sergeant Brian Walkowiak

Date: May 28, 2022

Re: FMB Deputy of the Month Nomination (May) **Deputy Julian Chavez,**
Deputy Daniel Ochs, Deputy Thomas Pauls
CSF# 22-221679

On Wednesday, May 11th, at 0139 hrs. East District responded to an armed robbery at the 7-11 located at 1626 Meadow Rd. in Lehigh Acres, FL. The suspect fled the location in a silver Honda Element which had been previously carjacked from a victim in West District at 8880 Cypress Lake Dr. As deputies were on the scene of the robbery, Central District received a call of an armed robbery at the 7-11 located in Gateway at 12011 Gateway Blvd. The suspect had again fled the scene in a silver Honda Element. Deputies were able to locate the vehicle and initiated a vehicle pursuit when the vehicle failed to stop. As the pursuit entered into West District, Deputies Ochs and Chavez became the lead in the pursuit. During the pursuit, the suspect jumped over a median on Summerlin Rd., drove off the roadway through ditches, and drove in the opposite lanes of travel on Summerlin Rd. The vehicle pursuit finally ended when the suspect turned onto University Dr. from Summerlin Rd. Deputy Chavez observed the black male suspect, wearing a gray hoodie and black pants, exit the driver's door and flee on foot into the woods as the vehicle continued to roll hitting the bushes near the curb. Deputies Chavez and Ochs attempted a foot pursuit of the suspect but lost sight of him as ran into the woods.

A perimeter was established with units from Central District, West District, and the Fort Myers Police Department. LCSO K9 and aviation arrived on the scene to assist in the search for the armed suspect. As the K9 unit and backup units began to search, aviation had located the suspect who then fled on foot again, towards perimeter units. Deputy Chavez had observed the suspect running and began to pursue him on foot. Deputy Pauls had also arrived on the scene and assisted in the foot pursuit of the suspect. Both deputies Chavez and Pauls eventually came into contact with the suspect, who was attempting to conceal himself behind a bench. Deputy Chavez and Pauls were able to take the suspect, Davonta Edwards, into custody.



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During a subsequent search of the area, K9 units located the firearm and stolen cash from the 7-11 robberies. Davonta Edwards was ultimately charged with Carjacking, Robbery with a firearm (2 counts), Flee To Elude Law Enforcement, Felon in possession of a firearm, and Resist Arrest without violence.

Chasing a fleeing and armed suspect is inherently the most dangerous act that a law enforcement officer will ever have to face in their careers. Deputy Chavez, Deputy Ochs, and Deputy Pauls placed their own lives in harm's way to take this reckless and extremely dangerous criminal off the streets.

Due to their actions that night, I, Sergeant Walkowiak, nominate Deputy Chavez, Deputy Ochs, and Deputy Pauls for the May Fort Myers Beach Deputy of the Month program.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sgt. Brian Walkowiak, 08-207