



INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

District 8 - Wellington

TO: Wellington Public Safety Committee
FROM: Detective Sergeant O. Cardenas *OJC*
SUBJECT: Top Cop Nomination – Detective Jason Villiers

Date: August 26th, 2021

Detective Jason Villiers has been employed by the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office for over twenty-three years and has been assigned to the Detective Bureau of District 8, Village of Wellington, for the last 7 months. Prior to this assignment, Detective Villiers has worked as a Canine Officer since 2001, has also served as a Field Training Officer for over fourteen years and as a Street Crime Team Agent for the last 4 years.

Detective Villiers aggressively supports the community by passionately investigating cases. He has proven himself to be highly capable of handling complex, multi-jurisdictional investigations. His work ethic, drive, dedication and professionalism make him an invaluable asset to the team and to our agency. Detective Villiers has also often used his experience as a law enforcement officer to lead, mentor, and train younger deputies/detectives/agents with great success, bettering our organization as whole.

During the short period of time assigned to our Detective Bureau (only 7 months) he investigated over 35 complex cases and has successfully obtained and executed a total of nine search warrants, which included lawful searches of residences, social media accounts, cellphones, and vehicles. Many of the cases required assistance from the SWAT Team and other specialty units within the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office. He has also completed a total of sixteen felony arrests, with multiple charges on each one, during that time.

Detective Villiers has investigated numerous complex cases and successfully identified suspects/organizations from as far away as the State of California. In one specific case, Detective Villiers' experience and organizational skills were instrumental in investigating a transnational criminal organization. This criminal organization was highly mobile for years, moving from state to state searching for an opportunity to commit robberies, credit card fraud, jewelry heists, home invasions, vehicle thefts, shoplifting, and residential, commercial and vehicle burglaries. Since the year 2020, this organization targeted at least 15 locations in Palm Beach County, which included locations in the Village of Wellington. Detective Villiers, in conjunction with other municipalities, county, state, and federal agencies, identified the suspects, apprehended them, obtained confessions, and recovered stolen property from all over the United States. This investigation is still ongoing, pending trial and is also a RICO case filed by Detective Villiers with the Office of the Attorney General.

Time and again Detective Villiers has proven himself capable, always being the first to volunteer for assignments and serving as an informal leader and example for others to follow. In addition to being a highly productive member of District 8, Detective Villiers during his time working as an Agent of the District 8's Street Crimes Team (07/16 - 01/21) continued to operate also as a Canine handler and as a Field Training Officer, supporting patrol when needed and fulfilling all of the responsibilities that all three full time positions demands. Additionally, Detective Villiers has actively participated with the PBSO Explorers on his off duty time, of which his 13-year-old son is a member.

Based on his accomplishments and superior investigative skills, Detective Villiers is hereby nominated for the "Top Cop" award for District 8 – Village of Wellington.