

Officer Daniel Marinas
Distinguished Performance Award
April 2009

On March 26, 2009, Officer Daniel Marinas was on his way home after completing his tour of duty in Plantation. Officer Marinas was flagged down by the victims of a robbery at the 16900 block of NE 14th Avenue in North Miami Beach. The robbery victims stated that the subjects driving the vehicle directly in front of Officer Marinas (a red Saturn) had robbed them at gunpoint. When the subjects saw Officer Marinas' marked vehicle, they began to flee. Officer Marinas activated his overhead emergency lights and sirens and began to pursue the subject's vehicle for approximately six blocks until the subjects lost control, hit a median, and caused a traffic crash at the intersection of NE 8th Avenue and 167th Street.

Officer Marinas saw the driver get out of the car with a silver revolver in his right hand. The subject dropped the gun and fled on foot. The passenger also fled and was captured by Officer Marinas who held him until North Miami Beach and Miami-Dade officers arrived on scene. A second firearm was located nearby. The red Saturn the subjects were driving was a stolen vehicle.

Sergeant Robert Williams, North Miami Beach Police Department, stated in a letter of commendation that "Had Officer Marinas not acted as he did, there's a very good likelihood that the offenders would have gotten away and continued to terrorize additional victims."

Officer Marinas acted courageously and without regard for his own safety in pursuing these subjects. It is for these reasons that he is awarded the Plantation Police Department's Distinguished Performance Award.