NEWS RELEASE

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Subject: **Arrest in Internet Robbery Trap**

The next time you go to your favorite internet website to buy something at discount prices, make sure you are getting legitimate merchandize and not being lured into a robbery trap. The City of Miami Police Department has arrested Steven Alexander Glass, DOB: 09/04/1986, of 2042 NW 19th Terrace, on one count of Strong Armed Robbery.

Vonn Ryan Lacson Zabate, 25, of Miami Lakes, was searching the internet website "Craigslist" when he found an advertisement for the sale of a $250 "PlayStation PS-3" and responded to it. After a brief conversation with Glass, Zabate was able to talk the price down to $160 and the two men agreed to meet at 2071 NW 19th Terrace. Midway through the drive, Zabate received a text message changing the location.

On Friday, July 24, 2009, just after 5:30 PM, Zabate arrived at the agreed upon location. Glass approached the unsuspecting victim, showed him a box, and asked for the cash. When Mr. Zabate showed Glass the money, Glass snatched the cash and ran off through the Gwen Cherry Apartment Complex.

A day later, acting on an anonymous tip, Robbery Detectives identified 22-year-old Steven Alexander Glass as the offender. He was located and arrested on Tuesday, July 28, 2009. No stranger to police, Glass has been arrested on at least eight other occasions with charges ranging from Possession of a Firearm on School Property, Gambling, Burglary, and Resisting Arrest to Domestic Battery, Cocaine Possession, and Robbery.

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