

MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Subject:

6-YEAR-OLD ESCAPES ATTEMPTED ABDUCTION OUTSIDE HER HOME

On July 6, 2023, at approximately 8:00 p.m., City of Miami Police Officers responded to a call of a reported attempted abduction of a 6-year-old female from 6530 N.E. 2 Avenue.

Upon police arrival, it was determined that the six-year-old female victim was playing outside in the courtyard area of her residence just minutes before she was grabbed by the arm by an unknown subject who attempted to take her against her will. Thankfully, the brave six-year-old girl fought for her safety and ultimately escaped the would-be abductor.

After a tremendous amount of investigative work conducted, the suspect, identified as **Leonardo Venegas, D.O.B. 12/8/1990** was located and placed into police custody by Miami Tactical Robbery Detectives two days later. He has since been charged with one count each of **Kidnapping** and **Child Abuse/No Great Bodily Harm**.

Detectives believe there may be additional victims and are asking them to come forward by calling the **Miami Police Robbery Unit** at **305-603-6370**.

Please refer to the attached redacted arrest affidavit for specific information.

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Manuel Morales, Chief of
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