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Subject: Disturbing Discovery of Child Pornography and Molestation



The Miami Police Department, The United States Secret Service, The Miami-Dade County Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Hialeah Police Department began an investigation and have apprehended Edgar Giovanni Castillo, D.O.B. 9/29/80, of 3129 Northwest 13 Avenue, Miami, Florida. Castillo is presently in Federal Custody and charges are pending.

On February 7, 2010, a detective from the Miami Police Department's Special Victims Unit (SVU) spoke to a caller who telephoned the station and stated that she struggled with a man who attempted to steal from her. During the struggle, the offender dropped a Nokia SD cellular phone card. The SD card contained disturbing sexually explicit photographs and videos of the offender engaging in acts with young children.

SVU detectives believe there may be more victims who have yet to come forward. Since the investigation is ongoing, both at the State and Federal levels, details cannot be released at this time.

Due to the nature of these crimes, SVU detectives believe there may be other victims. If you have any information on Castillo please call the Miami Police Department's Special Victims Unit at 305-603-3300 or Miami-Dade Crime Stoppers at 305-471-8477 (TIPS).

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