

# NEWS RELEASE

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MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Subject: TAXI DRIVER SHOT IN ROBBERY



Today, Miami Police officers responded to the Caras Oil Gas Station located at 2810 Northwest 12 Avenue, shortly after 4:30 A.M. after learning via a 911 caller that a taxi driver had been shot.

According to detectives, the taxi driver, Jose Manuel Peña-Baez, D.O.B. 1/3/76 went inside the gas station to make a purchase and once he returned to his car, he was confronted by a man standing before him wielding a gun and demanding money. During the course of the robbery, the victim and the robber struggled, but the robber managed to steal the man's money and shoot him once in the leg before fleeing into an awaiting getaway car driven by the accomplice.

The victim who was immediately transported via Miami Fire Rescue to Jackson Memorial Hospital's Ryder Trauma Center underwent emergency surgery and is currently listed in serious, but stable condition.

Detectives are looking for the getaway vehicle, an older model white Nissan, possibly a Maxima.

**The suspects are described as:**

**1<sup>st</sup> suspect (shooter) black male in his early 20s, slim build.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> suspect (driver) black male in his 20s.**

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Miami Police Department's Robbery Unit at (305) 603-6370. Those with information that wish to remain anonymous can contact Miami-Dade Crime Stoppers at (305) 471- TIPS (8477), visit [www.crimestoppersmiami.com](http://www.crimestoppersmiami.com) and select "Give a Tip" or Send a text message to 274637. Enter CSMD followed by the tip information and press send.

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