

MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Subject: **MAN ARRESTED FOR PREYING ON A MINOR**

On November 14, 2024, The Miami Police Department's Special Victims Unit arrested 37-year-old **Yosvany Fernandez Gonzalez DOB 09/25/1987** and charged him with **Lewd & Lascivious Conduct on a Child, Transmission of Material Harmful to Minors by Electronic Device...** (see arrest affidavit).

The investigation began on November 14, 2024, when a concerned mother responded to the Miami Police South Station to report that her 12-year-old daughter had been engaging in explicit conversations with an individual who appeared to be an adult male. The mother explained that on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, the victim asked if she could go outside twice, when she told her no, the victim's behavior raised her suspicion. Acting on her concerns, she took the victim's phone and found inappropriate text conversations between the victim and what appeared to be an adult male. The texts included several explicit images and videos as well.

Upon further review, detectives confirmed the presence of explicit content in the victim's phone. Detectives posed as the victim, communicated with Gonzalez and arranged to meet at 3825 NW 7th ST. Gonzalez continued to communicate by sending explicit texts and images. When Gonzalez arrived at the agreed upon location, he was quickly apprehended. Gonzalez' phone revealed explicit images of the victim.

The Miami Police Department remains dedicated to protecting children from all crime and will work tirelessly to identify and bring those prey on the young to justice. Therefore, if you believe you were a victim targeted by Fernandez, we urge you to come forward.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Miami Police Department's Special Victims Unit at (305) 603-6300. Those with information that wish to remain anonymous and possibly receive a REWARD of up to \$5,000, can contact Miami-Dade Crime Stoppers at (305) 471- TIPS (4877), visit 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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