MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Subject: Miami Police Department Responds to Early Morning Attack

UPDATE

Miami Police Detectives have arrested 36-year-old **Brenton Clarke** and charged him with 2 counts of 1st Degree Murder, 2 counts of Attempted 1st Degree Murder, and Armed Robbery with a Deadly Weapon. See attached Arrest Affidavit.

We would like to extend our gratitude to the witnesses who came forward and provided crucial assistance in this investigation. Their bravery and willingness to cooperate with law enforcement were instrumental in bringing the suspect into custody.

> Ofc. M. Vega 1/17/2025

This morning, shortly after 6:00 a.m., the Miami Police Department received multiple calls regarding a male subject armed with a stick, violently attacking individuals in the area of N. Miami Avenue and 6 Street.

Responding officers arrived promptly and observed a subject matching the description fleeing on foot. A brief foot pursuit ensued, and the subject was taken into custody. The Subject is a black male in his 30's who has no arrest history in Miami but does have an arrest history in New York.

Tragically, four homeless individuals were attacked by the subject. Two victims were pronounced deceased at the scene, while the other two were transported to Jackson Memorial Hospital's Trauma Center for medical treatment.

The investigation is ongoing, and the Miami Police Department is working to determine the motive behind the attack. The suspect's identity and charges will be released once confirmed.

The Miami Police Department extends its condolences to the families and loved ones of the victims and encourages anyone with information regarding this incident to contact the City of Miami Police Department at 305-579-6111 or Crime Stoppers at 305-471-TIPS (8477).

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