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93 Year Old Hialeah Man Left Penniless After Alleged Elderly Exploitation **Great Nephew Charged & Niece a Fugitive in Spain**

Miami (June 4, 2021) - As a result of a joint investigation by the Hialeah Police Department and the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, 19-year-old Italo Nelli was arraigned today in the courtroom of Judge Ramiro Areces, charged with Conspiracy to Commit Organized Scheme to Defraud, a 2nd Degree Felony, and Financial Exploitation of an Elderly Person, a First Degree Felony, after he and his mother, 50-year-old Hadee Toledo, the victim's niece, allegedly used falsified documents to allegedly loot all the possessions of their 93-year-old great uncle and uncle, respectively. An arrest warrant has been issued for Toledo, who appears to have fled Florida and is presently believed to be in Spain. The total financial loss to the victim (including the sale and loss of his home) is estimated to be approximately \$500,000.

"The thief that steals from the elderly reveals a callousness buried deep in their own heart," noted State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle. "But the relative that steals everything possible from an aged family member, they can often be snatching the person's very will to live. I commend the detectives of the Hialeah Police Department and the prosecutors of my Elderly Exploitation Unit for their commitment to ending such despicable crimes."

The elderly victim's difficulties appear to have started after he was hospitalized in August 2020 after having been diagnosed with the Covid-19 virus. After release from the hospital, the victim remained quarantined in a nursing and rehab center due to concerns about the state of his health. During this period, Toledo allegedly forged the victim's signature on a Power of Attorney document, which was allegedly witnessed by the great nephew, Nelli, and others, and legally notarized. By allegedly utilizing the Power of Attorney document and forged Transfer of Property deeds, Toledo was able to sell the victim's home, liquidate his bank accounts, and leave Florida. Nelli allegedly received \$5,000 and a Mercedes Benz from Toledo.

Hadee Toledo is presently being sought for the alleged crimes of:

- Exploitation of the Elderly (1st Degree Felony)
- Conspiracy to Commit Organized Scheme to Defraud (2nd Degree Felony)
- Forgery (3rd Degree Felony)
- Fraudulent Use of Personal Identification Information of a Person 60 or Older (2nd Degree Felony)

For media interviews with State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle, please call 305-547-0535 to check her afternoon availability.

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