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2 Separate Investigations Lead to Human Trafficking Arrests

Miami –April 20, 2022 – Miami-Dade State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle, City of Doral Acting Police Chief Raul M. Ubieta, and Town of Medley Police Chief Jeanette Said-Jinete announce the arrest and charging of individuals for their alleged involvement in two separate Human Trafficking incidents.

On Monday, April 18, 2022, City of Doral uniform patrol officers responded to 4656 NW 114th Avenue, Apartment 408, in the City of Doral, after receiving a telephone call from Mr. Gino Lopesio, who advised police that his ex-girlfriend, “had contacted him requesting help and that she was in fear for her life”. Mr. Lopesio provided information that led police to a Doral location. When police arrived at the residence, they contacted the fearful caller and 25-year-old Ms. Larresha Paul. It was quickly determined that the situation was Human Trafficking-related and both individuals were transported to the Miami Dade State Attorney’s Human Trafficking Task Force office for further investigation.

“Sadly, there does not appear to be an end to those human traffickers, who wish to sell and exploit others for a quick profit,” said State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle. Fortunately, Miami-Dade has effective police agencies, like the Doral Police Department and the Medley Police Department, who understand the signs of possible human trafficking and are quick to bring in the expertise of my Human Trafficking Task Force to fight these crimes. Traffickers should take notice; our law enforcement agencies are united in our efforts to end Human Trafficking.”

The female victim advised that on Friday, April 8, 2022, she flew to Miami by herself to meet friends and went to Miami Beach the following day with a few friends. While in Miami Beach, she observed a green Porsche bearing Florida Tag Gam3God being driven by 35-year-old Devon Jerome Matthews. The victim approached Matthews inquiring about his green Porsche and exchanged phone numbers. A romantic involvement followed.

After having a falling out with her friends, Matthews tells the victim that she can stay with him. Upon arrival at the Doral address, Matthews admits that he is a pimp and that he has a lot of girls on his team working for him utilizing the VIP rooms at local strip clubs. Matthews introduces the victim to Larresha Paul and indicates that the victim should take instructions from Larresha Paul regarding her future activities at the clubs. After eating delivered food, the victim felt tired and napped fully clothed. Upon awakening naked and having an awareness of Matthews and Paul having sexually penetrated her, and after overhearing Paul saying she should be beaten; the victim was able, through her ex-boyfriend, to get help.

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Larresha Paul has been charged with:

- 1 count - Human Traffic/Coerce Commit
- 1 count - Sexual Battery with No Serious Injuries
- 1 count - Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device
- 1 count - Prostitution/Direct another

Devon Jerome Matthews is presently a fugitive with an outstanding arrest warrant for:

- 1 count - Human Traffic/Coerce Commit
- 1 count - Sexual Battery with No Serious Injuries
- 1 count - Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device
- 1 count - Prostitution/Direct another
- 1 count - Prostitution/Derive Support from Proceeds of Prostitution
- 1 count - Prostitute/Forcing Compelling Coercing

The second Human Trafficking arrest is based on the continued criminal investigation of a January 20, 2022, Medley Police response to an alleged armed robbery at the South River Suites located at 12484 NW South River Drive, which had previously led to the arrest of 40-year-old Raul Antonio Jimenez-Rodriguez. This continued accumulation of information has led to the additional arrest of 33-year-old Junet Infante-Madruga as an involved party in the Human Trafficking activity.

Madruga is charged with:

- 1 count - Human Trafficking Commercial Sex
- 1 count - Deriving Support from Proceeds of Prostitution
- 1 count - Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device

Additional charges have also been filed against Raul Antonio Jimenez-Rodriguez.

- 1 count - Human Trafficking Commercial Sex
- 1 count - Deriving Support from Proceeds of Prostitution
- 1 count - Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device

Doral Acting Police Chief Raul M. Ubieta said: “Human trafficking is not a local problem but rather a global one which often involves multiple jurisdictions. Our relationship and participation with the State Attorney’s Human Trafficking Task Force affords us greater latitude in addressing this serious crime from a multi-jurisdictional perspective.”

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