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MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Subject: WHEELCHAIR BOUND MAN LEFT RAMPLESS



Today at approximately, 1:30pm the Miami Police Department responded to 1534 NW 31 Street after learning that a handicapped man's wife was confronted by a black man in his 20's who jumped the front gate of their home in hopes of stealing the aluminum wheelchair ramp from in front of their home. According to the victim, the man grabbed the ramp and took off on a bicycle heading east on NW 31 Street.

Luckily nobody was hurt, but the wheelchair confined man cannot enter or exit his home because his sole accessibility to move onto the stairs was the ramp.

The Miami Police Department is urging any personnel of recycling centers that may encounter somebody trying to recycle an aluminum handicap ramp to call police or Miami-Dade Crime Stoppers at 305-471-TIPS.

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