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MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Subject: OFFICER ASSAULTED DURING CONFRONTATION



Yesterday, May 21, 2015, at approximately, 3:00 P.M., a Miami Police officer on routine patrol was in the area of Southwest 10 Avenue and 3 Street when he observed a young man, later identified as Alvino Garza riding a bicycle against the flow of traffic. The officer attempted to stop and speak with him, but the subject took a fighting stance and fled into a nearby building located at 1011 Southwest 4 Street. The subject ran towards, Apartment #2 as the officer attempted to take him into custody. The friends inside Apartment #2 heard the commotion and opened the door. During the struggle, both the officer and Garza fell inside the apartment. In the tussle, Garza pleaded for his friends to shoot the officer and was able to break away. A second subject later identified as Louis Codone began striking the officer as an unidentified third subject pointed a gun at the officer. The subjects heard the sirens from responding Miami Police officers, so they fled.

A perimeter was established to include Miami Police Department's SWAT and K9 units. A short while thereafter five suspects were detained. After further investigation, Garza and Codone were arrested. A search warrant of the premises revealed a handgun which was recovered and turned in as evidence.

Alvino Garza, D.O.B. 4/13/95 has been charged with one count of battery on police officer, one count of resisting arrest and one count of attempted murder (principle). Louis Codone, D.O.B. 3/15/92 was arrested and charged with one count of battery on a law enforcement officer and one count of resisting with violence.

See attached arrest affidavits

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Miami Police Department's Homicide Unit at (305) 603-6350. Those with information that wish to remain anonymous can contact Miami-Dade Crime Stoppers at (305) 471- TIPS (8477), 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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