## NEWS RELEASE

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DEPARTIMEN

Subject: TEEN STOLE SUV WITH SLEEPING BABY INSIDE



## ~ UPDATE ~

Makenson Celestin, D.O.B. 7/28/2001 is the subject who was charged with one count of grand theft auto.

Officer Kenia Fallat 6/22/15

Today, at approximately 4:25 P.M., Miami Police responded to 8450 Northeast Miami Court, after learning via 911 that a woman had her sports utility vehicle (SUV), a 2014 black Jeep stolen with her baby inside.

According to the on-scene investigation, the mother of the child was standing just a few feet away from her car as she escorted her two eldest children to their awaiting grandmother, who also was in close proximity of the vehicle. It appears, the child's mother left the engine running with the vehicle's air conditioning on due to the high heat index as the baby sat sound and fast asleep in his car seat, placed in the rear of the vehicle.

Officers immediately gathered the facts and gave a full description of the stolen SUV via police radio. Within minutes, a sergeant in a marked Miami Police car spotted an SUV who fit the description in the area of Northeast 2 Avenue and 78th Street. The sergeant performed a traffic stop and demanded the driver to surrender. The driver of the vehicle complied and was taken into custody.

The six-month old baby, who was still fast asleep, awoke in the arms of the sergeant who rescued him. The unharmed baby was reunited with his family.

The offender, a 13-year old male was charged with one count of grand theft auto and transported to the Juvenile Assessment Center.

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