

MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Subject:

MIAMI POLICE OFFICER SERIOUSLY INJURED DURING BRAVE ROBBERY INTERVENTION

A Miami Police Officer was seriously injured August 14, 2023, while courageously intervening in a robbery incident. The Miami Police officer, who was working a detail at the time, responded swiftly after being flagged down by witnesses regarding an in-progress crime, which turned out to be a carjacking. In an act of heroism, she immediately rushed to the scene where the offender, who was driving the maroon Nissan Murano, intentionally struck and pinned her into a parked vehicle.

The assailant, in a desperate attempt to evade apprehension, attacked a second Miami Police Officer before being apprehended in the area of N.W. 2nd - 3rd Avenue on N.W. 12th Street.

The suspect, **Andrewin Wardell, DOB: 05/21/1974**, has since been taken into custody and charged with multiple crimes, reflecting the severity of his actions. Those charges include Robbery/Carjacking, Attempted Felony Murder/Causing Injury, Battery on a Law Enforcement, Leaving the Scene of a Crash with Serious Bodily Injuries, Fleeing and Eluding Police and Leaving the Scene of a Crash. The Miami Police Department will work diligently to ensure that justice is served for this violent incident.

Meanwhile, the injured officer was transported to Jackson Memorial Hospital, where she is currently in serious condition. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and her family during this challenging time. The Miami Police Department is providing all necessary support and resources to aid in her recovery.

Miami Police Chief Manny Morales expressed his gratitude for the bravery and selflessness demonstrated by the injured officer, stating, "Our officers face dangerous situations every day, risking their lives to protect our community. We are immensely proud of their unwavering dedication and commitment to public safety. We stand united in supporting our injured officer and her family, and we will continue to work tirelessly to ensure the safety and well-being of our residents along with thanking the residents that helped our injured officer."

The Miami Police Department would like to extend its gratitude to the witnesses whose timely report and cooperation aided in the swift response and apprehension of the offender. Their assistance reflects the importance of community partnership in maintaining a safe and secure environment for everyone.

Further updates regarding the injured officer's condition and the ongoing investigation will be provided as they become available.

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Manuel Morales, Chief of Police

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