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Subject: **Arrest Made for Illegal Disposal of Food Waste
into City Storm Drain System**

The Miami Police Department's Environmental Crimes Unit has arrested two individuals for the illegal disposal of food waste into the City of Miami's Storm Drain Management System.

On **September 22, 2025**, detectives launched an investigation following an anonymous tip submitted to the Miami-Dade Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM). The complaint included a photograph of two individuals actively disposing of food waste into a storm drain in the area of NW 17th Avenue and 29th Street.

Environmental Crimes detectives responded to the reported location, where they observed a male matching the description seen in the photograph actively dumping waste into the drain. A second male, also matching the description provided, was located nearby. Both individuals were detained for questioning.

The suspects were identified as:

- **Oscar Brooksgago**, Date of Birth: 10/03/1952
- **Roman Jaquez**, Date of Birth: 01/06/1977

During interviews, both individuals confirmed they were the persons depicted in the submitted photograph. One of the suspects admitted that he had been instructed to dispose of cooking grease into the storm drain and stated that it was a regular practice for the nearby business where they are both employed.

Both subjects were arrested and charged with **one count each of Environmental Crime – Willful Disregard**.

Please see the attached redacted arrest affidavits for more information.

The Miami Police Department encourages anyone who witnesses or has knowledge of illegal environmental activities to report them to authorities immediately.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Miami Police Environmental Crimes Unit at (305) 603-6284. 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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