

# NEWS RELEASE

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MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Subject: BODY FOUND AT GAS STATION AFTER BEING RUN OVER



On September 28, 2013, shortly after 6:00 AM, the victim, White Hispanic male Wilfredo Gonzalez Santana D.O.B. 02-28-1959, is seen walking onto the CR Gas Station property located at 2810 Northwest 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue with a beer can in his hand. Surveillance video shows Gonzalez lying down on the east side entrance ramp of the station using the inside curb of the ramp as a resting place for his head and then appears to go to sleep facing up, with the beer can next to him.

Approximately ten minutes later, White Hispanic male Juan Serrano D.O.B. 03-08-1949, driving a red and white dump truck is seen travelling southbound on N.W. 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. and subsequently entering the gas station via the east side ramp. The truck eases its way into the ramp catching the right rear tire with the curb, at the same time, the truck's left front tire made contact with the Gonzalez's body. Video then shows Serrano going over the body and pulling into the diesel gas pumps. Serrano is seen waiting in line inside the station, then fuels up and leaves never realizing that he had run over Gonzalez.

Approximately thirty minutes later, a pedestrian flagged down a police unit to report that Gonzalez seemed to be unresponsive. The officer, who knew Gonzalez on a first name basis from the neighborhood, went to wake him up and realized that he was not breathing. Rescue was dispatched and Gonzalez was pronounced dead on the scene at 6:55 A.M.

Later that afternoon, investigators had not yet been able to locate Serrano and Miami Police sent out a Tweeter message with the photo of the truck asking for help in finding the driver. The photo aired during the Saturday evening news. The next morning at around 8:00 A.M., Serrano was awakened by a friend, who had recognized his truck on the news. Within a few hours, Serrano showed up to the Miami Police Station with his wife and daughter asking to speak to a detective, surprised to find out that he had accidentally run over and killed Gonzalez.

It appears that Serrano will not be criminally charged in this case. However, it is still under review by the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office.

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