

MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



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ARREST MADE IN RIDE SHARE SEXUAL ASSAULT

On Friday, January 26, 2024, at approximately 11:00 AM, Miami Police Special Victims Unit were contacted regarding a potential sexual assault case involving a female victim. The victim reported that she had been at a hotel in Miami Beach earlier that evening. After leaving the hotel, she was approached by an unknown male who offered her a ride.

The male who was later identified as 42-year-old Rafael Martinez, provided the victim a beverage during the ride. After consuming the beverage, the victim lost consciousness. The victim regained consciousness hours later in an unknown apartment, disoriented and without clothing. She contacted law enforcement and was transported to the City of Miami Central Station where Detectives obtained a detailed statement from her.

Investigative efforts revealed Rafael Martinez was a ride share driver. Additional evidence obtained lead to his arrest on October 21, 2025.

The Miami Police Department is committed to ensuring the safety of all individuals who reside, work, and visit our city.

We urge anyone with information or anyone who feels they were a victim of Martinez to contact the Special Victims Unit at 305-603-6300.

*See the attached Arrest Affidavit.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Miami Police Department's Special Victims Unit at (305) 603-6300. Those with information that wish to remain anonymous and possibly receive a REWARD of up to \$5,000, can contact Miami-Dade Crime Stoppers at (305) 471- TIPS (4877), visit www.crimestoppersmiami.com and select "Give a Tip" or Send a text message to 274637. Enter CSMD followed by tip information and press send.

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