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JOINT TEAM OPERATION LEADS TO STOLEN GOODS AND AN ARREST

The Miami Police Department, in conjunction to West Miami Police Department, Homeland Security Investigations, and Miami Dade Sheriff's Office, made an arrest and recovered nearly a million dollars' worth of cellular phones, clothing, tobacco products and more.

A comprehensive multi-agency investigation has successfully identified and targeted an organized crime group responsible for a series of burglary incidents across retail stores in Miami-Dade County and New Jersey. The collaborative efforts of the City of Miami Police Department's Burglary Detail, Special Investigation Section, Miami-Dade Sheriff's Office, West Miami Police Department, and Homeland Security Investigations have culminated in significant breakthroughs.

The investigation revealed a pattern of multiple burglary incidents linked to the same suspects, who were found to share a distinct modus operandi. The criminal group, consisting primarily of Hispanic males, employed forceful entry techniques to access businesses during the night. Further investigative efforts led to the discovery that the group had traveled to New Jersey, where they executed a burglary at a warehouse. In collaboration with the Piscataway Police Department in New Jersey, authorities obtained critical evidence linking the suspects and their vehicle.

On October 14, 2025, a warrant was executed at 18001 NW 44 Avenue, Miami Gardens, in conjunction with the Miami-Dade Sheriff's Special Response Team (SRT). During the operation, approximately 600 cellphones, clothing, smoke shop-related items, and other merchandise were recovered. The total estimated value of the merchandise seized is under \$1 million.

The involved agencies continue to collaborate closely to dismantle this organized crime network and ensure justice is served. One arrest was made in connection with this case, and additional arrests are pending as the investigation continues.

*See the attached Arrest Affidavit and pictures of the items recovered.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Miami Police Department's Burglary Unit at (305) 603-6030. 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 tip information and press send.

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