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Subject: **Multi-Agency Collaboration Leads to Arrest
In Two Separate Homicide Cases**

On Sunday, January 19, 2025, at approximately 1:57 a.m., Miami Police responded to a possible hit-and-run at NW 14th Avenue and NW 2nd Street. Officers found 71-year-old Rodolfo Fernandez de Velasco unresponsive in the driver's seat of a black 2014 Kia Soul. He was pronounced deceased shortly after, with both front seatbelts wrapped around his neck. Surveillance footage showed the vehicle crashing into a sidewall, with an unknown man then seen exiting the passenger seat before police arrived.

Further investigation revealed the victim was asphyxiated, and the cause of death was ruled a homicide. In collaboration with Miami Beach Police and the Customs Border Protection Designated Intelligence Office, detectives identified the suspect as 25-year-old Hungarian national Zsolt Zsolyomi. Additional evidence linked him to a similar homicide in Miami Beach, involving an elderly, disabled victim found deceased in his residence on November 21, 2024. Both victims were elderly, disabled males.

Detectives obtained arrest warrants from the State Attorney's Office on both cases. On February 19, 2025., Zsolt Zsolyomi was apprehended in Downtown Miami by the Miami Police Felony Apprehension Team. After being interviewed by detectives, he made a confession and was subsequently taken into custody. Authorities are asking anyone who may have been victimized by Zsolt Zsolyomi or who has information related to similar cases to contact the Miami Police Department's Homicide Unit at 305-603-6350.

"Our detectives conducted a comprehensive investigation in partnership with the City of Miami Police Department, resulting in the successful apprehension of Zsolt Zsolyomi." stated Miami Beach Police Chief Wayne Jones. *"We remain committed to pursuing justice for the victim and his family."*

"I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the unwavering dedication and tireless efforts of all the detectives involved in this case, from multiple agencies, who worked seamlessly together to locate and apprehend a suspect responsible for such despicable acts against our most vulnerable citizens. This successful partnership between Miami Police, Miami Beach Police, CBP, SAO and other agencies is a prime example of the power of collaboration in bringing justice and closure to the victims and their families. It is through these united efforts that we are able to hold those who commit such heinous crimes accountable and ensure the safety of our community." -Chief Manuel Morales.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Miami Police Department's Homicide Office at (305) 603-6350. Those with information that wish to remain anonymous 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 the tip information and press send.

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