

MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Subject: **MAN ARRESTED FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

On November 20, 2024, The Miami Police Department's Special Victims Unit arrested 28-year-old **Joshua Joseph Notarianni DOB 07/24/1996** and charged him with **HUMAN TRAFFICKING...** (see arrest affidavit).

The investigation began on November 20, 2024, when Miami Police Officers responded to 485 Brickell Avenue to locate a missing 15-year-old. During the investigation, officers reviewed CCTV footage and observed a female who resembled the missing person in question accompanied by a male. Officers recognized the male as Joshua Notarianni and a records check revealed he had an open felony warrant from a previous incident in Collier County. Officers continued to review CCTV footage and identified the unit to which the female and Notarianni had entered. Two females, 20 and 23 years old, were contacted at the unit upon exiting; however, Notarianni refused to exit. Officers advised they heard the racking of a firearm inside of the unit to which the females corroborated saying that he was armed.

When interviewing the two victims, they told officers they were coerced into prostitution by Notarianni. He used physical violence to force them to engage in prostitution and then kept the proceeds of the prostitution. Additionally, he kept the victims' identifications hidden in a locked room that the victims could not access. After several hours in a standoff with Notarianni, a patrol supervisor was able to talk Notarianni into leaving the firearm on the kitchen counter and to exit the unit where he was detained. The firearm was recovered. Notarianni was subsequently arrested and charged.

The Miami Police Department remains dedicated to protecting all from crime and will work tirelessly to identify and bring offenders to justice. If you or someone you know was a victim targeted by Notarianni, we urge you to come forward.

We thank the State Attorney's Office Human Trafficking Task Force for their assistance.

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 the tip information and press send.

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