

MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Subject: **Polished Lies: Suspect Busted for Cleaning Out Seniors' Valuables in Elaborate Scam**

The City of Miami Police Department's Burglary Unit has arrested 27-year-old Katherine Coromoto AnguloRivera for orchestrating a sophisticated scam targeting elderly residents in the Flagami neighborhood. Angulo allegedly used deceptive tactics, including offers to buy spare items and clean jewelry, to steal valuables worth tens of thousands of dollars from unsuspecting victims.

In one incident, Angulo approached a victim in the area of the 5000 block of NW 2 Street offering to purchase spare frames in exchange for U.S. currency, gaining entry into the residence. Once inside, she explained that she does jewelry cleaning and convinced the victim to entrust her with jewelry valued at approximately \$48,500. Angulo placed the items into a container, poured a blue liquid solution over them, and covered it with a napkin. She instructed the victim to wait one hour before removing the napkin to retrieve their cleaned jewelry. When the victim checked after the allotted time, the jewelry was gone, and Angulo had disappeared.

In a similar case, Angulo offered to buy copper from another elderly victim in the area of the 5800 block of S.W. 2 Terrace and again proposed cleaning their jewelry as a bonus service. Using the same method - placing the jewelry in a container, adding a blue liquid solution, and covering it with a napkin—she instructed the victim to wait an hour. Once again, the victim discovered their jewelry missing after following her instructions.

Detectives believe Angulo exploited the trust of her victims, many of whom are seniors by combining seemingly legitimate offers with a sleight-of-hand trick to abscond with their valuables. The total losses across multiple incidents are still being calculated but are believed to be approximately \$50,000.

Angulo was apprehended on April 4, 2025, following an investigation that included victim statements, neighborhood canvassing, analysis of surveillance footage, a patrol officer's traffic stop in the area of Biscayne Blvd and 38 Street, and detectives interviews of the suspect. She now faces charges of grand theft, burglary, and organized scheme to defraud, and additional charges may be forthcoming.

Chief Morales' Statement:

"This suspect preyed on the kindness and vulnerability of our elderly residents with a calculated and heartless scheme. I am proud of the patrol officers and detectives that found her and we encourage anyone who may have encountered her to come forward."

The Miami Police Department is urging residents to exercise caution with unsolicited offers for home services or purchases and to verify the identity of anyone entering their homes. Detectives are asking potential victims or witnesses to contact the Burglary Unit at (305) 603-6055 or the anonymous Crime Stoppers hotline at (305) 471-TIPS.

The investigation remains active as detectives work to identify additional victims and determine if she had accomplices.

Please see the attached Arrest Affidavits.

Anyone with information or who has been victimized by the suspect 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 the tip information and press send.

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