

MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Subject:

RIDE SHARE DRIVER ARRESTED **VICTIMIZING FEMALE PASSENGERS**

UPDATE

Authorities have arrested a second suspect connected to a disturbing case involving the posing of posing as a ride-share driver to lure intoxicated woman into a vehicle and ultimately sexually assault them. The first suspect, **Danny Estalin Maurad-Avecillas** previously apprehended, is being accused of similar acts.

The newly identified suspect, **Yadir Gongora**, (**D.O.B 12/1/1983**) is known to the first suspect, raising concerns about a possible network of individuals exploiting vulnerable victims in this manner. He has since been charged with Kidnapping and Sexual Battery/Victim Physically Helpless. (See Attached Arrest Affidavit).

The Maimi Police Department remains committed to ensuring the safety of our community and bringing all responsible parties to justice. We urge anyone who may have been a victim or has information related to this case to come forward.”

The investigation is ongoing, and detectives are working to gather more evidence.

The Miami Police Department has arrested and initially charged ride share driver Danny Estalin Maurad-Avecillas with two counts of Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card and one count of Fraudulent Possession of Identification.

The investigation involves a ride share driver, in a silver or black SUV who is suspected of targeting females in the evening hours waiting for their ride share, luring them in, intoxicating, robbing and possibly sexually assaulting them.

Miami Police are urging anyone with information regarding this incident or who may have been a victim of a similar crime to come forward and assist in the investigation by calling the Special Victims Unit 305-603-6300 or 305-579-6111 svu@miami-police.org

Please see the attached Arrest Affidavit for more information.

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