

MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Subject: **ARREST MADE IN GRAVESITE VANDALISM**

The City of Miami Police Department would like to announce a significant breakthrough in the lengthy and meticulous investigation of a despicable act of vandalism and defacement of a tombstone on June 15, 2023, at Caballero Rivero Woodlawn, located at 3260 S.W. 8 Street.

The relentless efforts of our Burglary Detectives have resulted in the arrest of **Brian Rodriguez, D.O.B. 4/9/1997** who would disgracefully film himself spray painting and maliciously destroying the tombstone of the victims who were tragically killed by a drunk driver on New Years Day of 2021 within Miami-Dade's jurisdiction.

On August 17, 2023, The City of Miami Felony Apprehension Team located the suspect and placed him into police custody.

This arrest marks a crucial step towards justice and sends a resounding message that acts of desecration will not be tolerated within our community. Our aim is not only to secure justice for the victims but also to serve as a deterrent to anyone who may consider engaging in similar acts of vandalism.

The investigation continues...

See attached redacted Arrest Affidavit for specific details...

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Manuel Morales, Chief of Police

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