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Subject: **INTERNATIONAL ARREST FOR POSSESSION OF
CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL INVESTIGATION**

UPDATE

On July 24, 2024, the SVU/ICAC Team arrested **Francisco Ramon Cruz Rodriguez, D.O.B. 10/12/1972**, for possession of child sexual abuse material. The detectives reviewed hundreds of hours of evidence which revealed that the offender was paying a female suspect to produce material of the sexually abused children. The detectives' relentless investigation led to her positive identification and precise location in Matagalpa, Nicaragua. The ICAC team collected all the pertinent evidence and through close collaboration and communication with the US Embassy in Nicaragua, the information was shared to the Nicaragua National Police. With the intelligence provided, they were able to apprehend the female offender. Post arrest, the female suspect provided a statement to her involvement. The male victim was located, interviewed, and was identified as a biological relative, who is now 16 years old. The female child victim is pending verification. The Nicaragua National Police is prosecuting the female suspect, identified as **Mara Lujana Blandon Obregon, D.O.B. 8/5/1974** and will be charging her with sexual exploitation and pornography, which holds a sentencing guideline of five to seven years. Their unwavering commitment to seeking justice and protecting the community is evident in the meticulous efforts they are making each day.

"I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the dedicated members of the Special Victims Unit (SVU) and the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force (ICAC), as well as our local, federal, and international partners, to include the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office, Miami Beach Police Department, and Homeland Security Investigations for their relentless efforts and assistance in successfully apprehending the perpetrators involved in this despicable act. Crimes that threaten the welfare of our most vulnerable victims will not be tolerated, and we will continue to remain steadfast in our commitment to ensuring the safety and justice for all."

- *Chief of Police Manuel Morales*

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