

# NEWS RELEASE

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**Subject:** CRACK DOWN ON CAR BREAK-INS LEADS TO FENCING OPERATION



The City of Miami has recently been experiencing an increase of car break-ins. Public service announcements and pamphlets have been distributed throughout the Coconut Grove, Flagami and the Coral Way/ Brickell N.E.T areas.

On March 24, 2010, The Coconut Grove Problem Solving Team (PST) received information of a house dealing in stolen property which was located at 3152 Elizabeth Street. An investigation led to the arrests of William Vanwinkle D.O.B 11/26/76, Michael Wriggens D.O.B 08/10/61 and Daron Johnson D.O.B 09/05/67. These three men were all charged with Petit theft and Dealing in Stolen Property. Most of the items that were found were traced back to victims who have recently had their vehicles broken into in the Coconut Grove area. Police are currently tracking down the owners of golf clubs, GPS systems, school books and a host of other items that were recovered they are believed to be stolen goods.

On March 31, 2010, Miami Police officers arrested Dunel Oliva-Diaz D.O.B 08/20/82 for breaking into two motor vehicles. He was charged with Burglary to a Conveyance.

The Miami Police Department continues to warn the community that car break-ins occur frequently and are usually sparked when the opportunity presents itself. Do not leave items such as book bags, brief cases, check books, folders, sunglass cases or GPS systems visible when you park. Park in well lit areas. Parking smart can make a difference!

Attached is the clip of the Public Service Announcement created and produced by the City of Miami Police Department.

SEE ATTACHED ARREST AFFIDAVITS

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