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## Arrest of Vandalism Ringleader in Vitas Building and I-395

The Miami Police Department announces the arrest of the ringleader responsible for the vandalisms that defaced the entire facade of the vacant Vitas building at 100 South Biscayne Boulevard along with the I-395 and other locations. The incident which occurred in late 2023, along with other recent incidents caused thousands of dollars in damages.

Despite the building's demolition, the tireless work and relentless efforts of Miami Police Department detectives led to the apprehension of the primary offender, **Paul Mario Hoyos (DOB 01/21/1988)**.

The arrested ringleader is believed to have orchestrated numerous vandalism incidents throughout Miami-Dade County, many of which bared his tag insignia "TESOE." He faces charges for both the Vitas building case and the high-profile graffiti vandalism on the I-395 overpass and its supporting structures—both located in the heart of Downtown Miami's Eastern District, an area visited by thousands of residents, commuters, and tourists daily.

These acts marred highly visible landmarks and undermined the aesthetic and welcoming environment of one of the city's most vibrant corridors.

This arrest represents a major breakthrough in an active, multi-incident investigation that has generated multiple leads, with the ringleader being one of several suspected offenders.

*"The demolition of the Vitas building and the passage of time did not diminish our resolve," said Chief Manny Morales. "Our detectives' unwavering commitment has removed a serial vandal from our streets, and we will continue pursuing all those involved."*

The Miami Police Department extends sincere gratitude to the Downtown Development Authority and community leaders for their steadfast support throughout this complex investigation. Their partnership has been instrumental in achieving this outcome.

Additional arrests are expected as the investigation progresses.

The Miami Police Department remains dedicated to preserving the safety and beauty of our city. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Miami Police Department or Crime Stoppers at 305-471-TIPS(8477).

\*Arrest Affidavits attached.

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