

# NEWS RELEASE

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MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Subject: Woman Survives Being Shot In Car



~ UPDATE 09/11/09 ~

Today, surveillance video will be available at the Miami Police Department's P.I.O office at 5:30pm.

Officer J. Giordano

Today at approximately 1:45am, the City of Miami Police Department responded to the 1400 block of North Miami Avenue, after receiving a call that a female had been shot by a black man in a white Cadillac Escalade.

Both victims are women who had arrived at the location from Miami Beach. They selected a parking space in the 1400 block of North Miami Avenue, when their vehicle was bumped and blocked in by a white sports utility vehicle occupied by at least two men. The driver of the Cadillac Escalade got out with gun in hand and ran over to the victims' car, a Saturn. Victim #1, Charlene Zatroch, D.O.B 05-16-90, the driver rolled up her window trapping the suspects hand and gun in the window. The gunman pulled free at which time he shot through the window several times striking the driver of the vehicle and wounding her just under her right shoulder. The offender got back into his vehicle and fled.

The driver, Zatroch was transported to Jackson Memorial Hospital's Trauma Unit where she was listed in stable condition. Luckily, Victim # 2, Chelsea Whitaker, D.O.B. 01-26-90, was not hurt. The two women were intending to visit Club White Room located at 1306 North Miami Avenue, when they were confronted.

Detectives are searching for a white newer model Cadillac Escalade with dark tinted windows that could possibly have front and right rear damage. The gunman, a black male attempted to place on a ski mask as he approached the victims.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Miami Police Department's Homicide Unit 305-603-6350 or Crime Stoppers of Miami-Dade at 305-471-TIPS.

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