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NEWS RELEASE

PIO ASSIGNED THIS INCIDENT: Captain A. Xiques

PPPD CASE NUMBER: 2013-094924 **DATE:** 01-22-15 **TIME:** 2:00 pm

CHARGE/INCIDENT: Criminal Use of Personal Identification / Information, Theft From Persons
65 Years of Age or Older

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: Century Village - Pembroke Pines

VICTIM(S) – NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

1) State of Florida

2) _____

SUSPECT(S) – NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:

1) H/M Hernandez, Ariel L. 12-14-67, 1584 SW 159 Ln. Pembroke Pines, Fl. 33027

2) _____

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: On 11-19-13, a report was made to the Pembroke Pines Police Department regarding the above listed criminal allegations. A preliminary investigation by our department's Economics Crimes Unit, revealed that the suspect in this case was already being reviewed by the State of Florida's Office of Financial Regulation, at which time a joint investigation began.

During the course of the investigation, additional victims all of whom were senior citizens who lived within the Century Village community were identified. Upon obtaining all of the information and evidence required to prove that the suspect had committed the above listed crimes, an arrest warrant was filed with the Circuit Court of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit in and for Broward County, and the suspect was later arrested.

Due to Mr. Hernandez' previous employment as an employee at Wachovia Bank located adjacent to the Century Village community, where he befriended several of his future clients/victims as their financial advisor, the Pembroke Pines Police Department believes that there are likely to be several additional individuals throughout the community who may also have been victimized by Mr. Hernandez. We are asking for assistance from the media in highlighting this story, in an effort to identify those potential victims.

We are currently communicating with some of the victims in this case, in an effort to facilitate interviews from the media, as they live in a gated community which would limit access. Please keep in mind that the

victims are senior citizens, some very elderly and have been significantly impacted as a result of these crimes. Once we have obtained confirmation on a time, place, and location, to facilitate any request for interviews, we will forward the information immediately.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Pembroke Pines Police Department at 954-431-2200, email to Tips@ppines.com, or call Crimestoppers at 954-493-TIPS