



Pembroke Pines Police Department



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MEDIA RELEASE

ASSIGNED PIO: Captain Al Xiques

DATE OF MEDIA RELEASE: April 25, 2019

TIME OF MEDIA RELEASE: 4:00 p.m.

CASE NUMBER: 2019-019384

CHARGE/INCIDENT: 20 Counts of Sexual Battery; 2 Counts of False Imprisonment; Sexual Performance by a Child; Lewd & Lascivious Exhibition

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: March 2016 to March 2017

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: Click here to enter text. p.m.

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: 1355 NW 143 Avenue, Pembroke Pines, Florida 33028

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

- 1) Luis Clarke; 38 Years Old; DOB 09/11/1980; Black Male; 1355 NW 143 Avenue, Pembroke Pines

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

- 1) Juvenile Female
- 2) Juvenile Male

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

On April 3, 2019, at approximately 7:00 P.M, Victim #1 responded to Pembroke Pines Police Department Headquarters to report allegations of multiple sexual batteries. Victim #1, advised that between the dates of March 2016 to March 2017, the suspect began a coercive sexual relationship with her, at which time she was 16 years of age, and the suspect was approximately 35 years of age. The sexual batteries occurred inside of the suspect's home in Pembroke Pines (1355 NW 143 Avenue).

During our investigation, it was determined that another juvenile (Victim #2) who was 15 years old at the time, witnessed one of the sexual batteries that occurred at the suspect's residence in Pembroke Pines. Victim #2 stated that upon entering the suspect's residence, the suspect

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activated the home's alarm system, in an attempt to prevent both Victim #1 and Victim #2 from leaving the residence.

On April 25, 2019, Pembroke Pines Police Detectives made contact with the suspect upon him leaving his residence, at which time he was taken into custody on the above-listed charges. The suspect subsequently waived his rights to remain silent and provided a sworn statement to police detectives, admitting to several of the alleged crimes. The suspect also admitted to several other similar crimes involving Victim #1, which occurred in other jurisdictions. Those jurisdictions have been notified of said information.

Based on the suspect's part time role as a Youth Pastor (Leader) of the "Abraza tu Sueño Church", the Pembroke Pines Police Department is concerned that the suspect may have committed similar crimes, victimizing other juveniles. The church was located at 9626 Pines Blvd. Pembroke Pines, FL, between 2014 and 2018, and is no longer in operation.

We are asking any parent or guardian whose child may have come into contact with the suspect through the church or otherwise, to please speak to them regarding this matter. If there is a concern of potential wrongdoing, they are urged to contact the Pembroke Pines Police Department.