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#### **MEDIA RELEASE**

ASSIGNED PIO: Captain Adam Feiner

**DATE OF MEDIA RELEASE:** Thursday, August 26, 2021

TIME OF MEDIA RELEASE: 3:25 p.m.

CASE NUMBER: PPPD210FF047582

CHARGE/INCIDENT: Video Voyeurism and Tampering with Physical Evidence

**DATE OF OCCURRENCE:** Thursday, July 29, 2021

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 3:40 p.m.

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: 11090 Pines Boulevard, Pembroke Pines, FL 33026

(Master Franco's Taekwondo Academy)

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

Victim #1: Juvenile female

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

Suspect #1, Robert Danilo Franco, 64, 02.13.1957, W/M, 11738 Park Lane, Miramar, FL 33025

#### **INCIDENT SUMMARY:**

#### Update on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.

As this investigation continued, detectives from the Pembroke Pines Police Department obtained another arrest warrant for Robert Danilo Franco and presented (7) additional counts of Video Voyeurism. So far, the suspect is facing a total of (10) voyeurism charges.

Detectives also identified (4) additional victims and there are (2) more victims that remain unidentified. So far, there are a total of (7) victims.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Pembroke Pines Police Department at 954-431-2200, email to <a href="mailto:tips@ppines.com">tips@ppines.com</a>, or call Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



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On August 26, 2021, and in coordination with his attorney, Robert Danilo Franco surrendered himself to the Broward County Jail based upon the additional arrest warrant.

This investigation remains ongoing and additional information will release as developments occur.

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On July 29, 2021, members of the Pembroke Pines Police Department responded to Master Franco's Taekwondo Academy based upon a report of video voyeurism.

An initial investigation revealed that a female student noticed two hidden cameras discretely placed within picture frames on a shelf located in the academy's restroom. The female student photographed the hidden cameras and confronted Robert Danilo Franco, who in turn destroyed the picture frames and hidden cameras.

These confrontation caused the female student to walk outside of the academy and call her father, who in turn responded to Master Franco's Taekwondo Academy. Immediately following, the student and her father called 911 and Pembroke Pines Police Officers were dispatched.

The courageous actions of the juvenile student led to a thorough examination all aspects of this investigation, the seizure of evidence, and ultimately an arrest warrant.

In coordination with his attorney, Robert Danilo Franco surrendered himself to the Broward County Jail and is facing multiple counts of criminal charges.

The Pembroke Pines Police Department urges anyone who may have attended or visited, or whose children attended or visited Master Franco's Taekwondo Academy, to come forward if the academy's restroom was used. The expectation of privacy was violated for other undressed & unsuspecting victims who remain unidentified.

Lead Detective Jacob Childress with the Special Victims Unit may be contacted directly by email at <u>jchildress@ppines.com</u> or direct office line 954-743-1637.



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