

# MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Subject: **INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN ARREST**

The City of Miami Police Department's Special Victims Unit, through its Internet Crimes Against Children Detail (ICAC), has arrested **David Eugene Scott, D.O.B. 03/16/1961**, on charges related to the possession of Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM).

Following an extensive investigation, ICAC Detectives identified Scott as a suspect who had uploaded 31 images and videos of CSAM and attempted to purchase an additional 6,000 videos and pictures of children online via various social media platforms.

In response to these alarming findings, ICAC Detectives, with the support of Homeland Security Investigations and local police departments from Miami Beach, Aventura, and Miami Gardens along with the State Attorney's Office Cyber Crimes Unit, executed a search warrant at Scott's residence. During the search, multiple electronic devices were seized, including his cellular phone.

A preliminary forensic examination of the phone revealed several files containing CSAM. Scott was detained, interviewed by detectives, and subsequently arrested. He now faces 15 counts of Sexual Performance by a Child/Possession.

The City of Miami Police Department urges the community to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities related to child exploitation. Together, we can work towards a safer environment for our children.

*Chief of Police, Manuel A. Morales stated, "Our Special Victims Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Unit conducted an investigation that has led to the arrest of an individual who happens to sit at the highest level of a local municipal government. This is highly disappointing, especially given their role of trust and the fact that the victims are children—one of our most vulnerable populations. We are proud of our partnership with the State Attorney's Office Cybercrimes Unit in solving this case."*

*State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle stated, "I am shocked and disappointed to learn that a senior governmental official would be charged with the possession of child pornography," commented. "As State Attorney, I know that our law enforcement community and my prosecutors are committed to ensuring that no child suffers the denigration, exploitation and abuse at the core of every child pornography arrest. Child pornography is always a crime centered on exploiting the innocence of our children."*

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