

# NEWS RELEASE

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MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Subject: Mother Arrested for Child Neglect



Today, at approximately 9:30 AM, two Department of Children and Families (DCF) investigators happen to be driving eastbound on Northwest 46<sup>th</sup> Street when they spotted two children in the middle of the street without an adult in sight. DCF investigators immediately realized that the children, two girls, ages five and one had just come out of their house, located at 1810 Northwest 46<sup>th</sup> Street. DCF investigators called the police to assist in their investigation.

The home only had two small dogs inside at the time and was in deplorable condition. Tools, hazardous materials and other waste were visible and within reach of any child living there. The two dogs were later taken by Animal Services for safe keeping.

After over an hour into their investigation, the mother finally arrived claiming she had left the children sleeping and was only gone for five minutes. The mother also stated that only the one year old girl was hers and she was babysitting the five year old girl. The mother, who was identified as Naquisha Thomas, D.O.B. 1/19/89, was subsequently arrested and charged with two (2) counts of Child Neglect.

DCF investigators currently have in their care the two children that were on the scene as well as Thomas' two other boys, ages five and six who were in school at the time of the incident. The parents of the five year old girl are being interviewed by DCF to determine whether custody will be relinquished back to them or not.

Attached is today's Arrest Affidavit for Naquisha Thomas, as we as a previous Child Neglect arrest from January, 2012.

The Investigation continues...

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Miami Police Department's Special Victim's Unit at (305) 603-6310. Those with information that wish to remain anonymous can contact Miami-Dade Crime Stoppers at (305) 471- TIPS (4877), visit [www.crimestoppersmiami.com](http://www.crimestoppersmiami.com) and select "Give a Tip" or Send a text message to 274637. Enter CSMD followed by the tip information and press send.

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