

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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ABDUCTION

On March 30, 2011, at approximately 8:45 P.M., the Fort Lauderdale Police Department responded to a call at 116 Northwest 69th Street in the City of Fort Lauderdale. The call was in reference to a possible abduction that had just taken place at the location, where a male had forced a female and three small children into a vehicle.

Upon arrival, police were informed by neighbors that a female, later identified as Santos Deysi Ortiz-Gomes, W/F, 12/16/90, had been abducted from her residence by a male, who was later identified as Luis Medardo Ramos, W/M, 7/12/84.

Investigators learned that Ramos traveled from Texas to Ortiz-Gomes' residence in the City of Fort Lauderdale and that Ramos is the father of two children with Ortiz-Gomes. Further investigation revealed that at one point Ramos bound Ortiz-Gomes' hands and escorted her from the residence into his vehicle. Investigators believe that Ramos then took three small children from the residence and placed them in his vehicle as well. Witnesses stated that Ramos then drove off with all four victims in the vehicle, which was described as a Silver 2011 Chevrolet 4-door, with a Texas license plate of CJ4B612.

An Amber Alert was issued for the victims, as well as a state wide bulletin describing the vehicle and occupants. The Fort Lauderdale Police Department was assisted in their investigation by the Broward County Sheriff's Office.

The vehicle was later located by Florida Highway Patrol and stopped in Volusia County. All of the victims were safely recovered without further incident.

Ramos has been placed under arrest and charged in conjunction with this crime.

The motive behind the abduction is still under investigation and anyone with information is urged to contact Detective Jaggers at 954-828-5970.

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