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**Stabbing at Nikki Beach Club**

The victim, W/M Richard Montella, 24 Years of age from New York, was at Nikki Beach Club with friends. The subject H/M Markus Belser approached the group of friends and inappropriately touched one of the females in the group. Mr. Montella and the subject became involved in verbal argument, at which time the subject walked away.

Shortly after the subject returned and produced a small folding knife threatening the victim, Mr. Montella. A physical argument ensued which resulted in the victim being stabbed several times to the right side of his torso. The victim was transported to Ryder Trauma with non life threatening injuries, which required surgery.

A BOLO was issued for the subject. Responding officers saturated the area and the subject was quickly located in the 300 blk of Ocean Drive. As officers approached the subject he was observed hiding an object in a planter in front of a building. Investigation revealed the subject was attempting to hide the knife.

The subject was transported to the Miami Beach Police Headquarters, where he was positively identified by witnesses. Post Miranda the subject was interviewed by Detectives at which time he confessed to stabbing the victim.

At this time the photo of the subject CANNOT be released because the victim has yet to identify his assailant. We are asking for cooperation from the media, and not show any photos, which you may obtain of the subject until the victim can be shown a photo lineup.