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HOMICIDE ARREST

The Miami Beach Police Department, in cooperation with the US Marshalls, identified Kevon Kendall George and Michelle Camile Lewis as the subjects in the October 13, 2011 homicide of Steven Velez.

Subjects Kevon Kendall George and Michelle Camile Lewis traveled from New York to Miami days before the homicide occurred. While in Miami, the subjects developed a narcotics deal, which was brokered by another associate. On 10/13/11, the associate was kidnapped by subjects George and Lewis, taken to a hotel in the north end of Miami Beach, and held there at gunpoint. After several hours in this state, the kidnapping victim was taken to the 600 BLK of 85th Street by the subjects in a silver colored Toyota Camry. The subjects encountered the homicide victim, 36 year old Steven Velez. Subject George and victim Velez engaged in an argument inside the vehicle, where the homicide occurred. Victim Velez was shot three times, resulting in his death.

The Toyota Camry, still occupied by subject George, Lewis and the kidnapping victim, fled the area. The kidnapping victim remained at gunpoint. As the vehicle approached the 900 BLK of 71st Street, the kidnapping victim lowered the window of the moving vehicle and jumped out. He ran to a nearby establishment to seek out assistance.

Miami Beach Police Homicide Detectives began their investigation, in cooperation with the assistance of the U.S. Marshalls Florida Regional Task Force in Miami, and detectives developed leads that lead to New York. MBPD Homicide Detectives flew to New York and were assisted by the U.S. Marshalls New York/New Jersey Regional

Fugitive Task Force. Subsequently, subjects Kevon Kendall George and Michelle Camile Lewis, who reside in Brooklyn, NY, were located entering a silver Toyota Camry that matched the description of the getaway vehicle MBPD was searching for. Kevon Kendall George was identified as the shooter, and Michelle Camile Lewis was identified as the driver of the vehicle. Both subjects are cooperating with police. NYPD are obtaining a search warrant for the Toyota Camry utilized in the homicide.

Arrest warrants were obtained and each subject was charged with:

- 1st Degree Felony Murder
- 1st Degree Armed Robbery
- 3rd Degree False Imprisonment

The subjects will be extradited from New York to Miami in the near future. Attached are the photographs of the listed subjects. The Miami Beach Police Department would like to thank the U.S. Marshalls Florida Regional Task Force in Miami, the U.S. Marshalls New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force, and the NYPD for their assistance and dedication in this case.