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Miami Beach Implements an Independent Review of the Israel Hernandez Case

FDLE will review the facts and findings of the investigation

Miami Beach, FL: The City of Miami Beach today requested the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) to conduct an independent review of the facts and findings of the investigation being conducted by the Miami Beach Police Department into the incustody death of Israel Hernandez.

This independent review will be in addition to the review being conducted by the Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office and the Miami-Dade County Medical Examiner's Office, both of which have been involved since the first day.

"I have complete confidence in the integrity and capacity of the Miami Beach Police Department to conduct a fair and thorough investigation. But the role of the FDLE will provide further assurance to the public of the thoroughness and transparency of the investigation," said Miami Beach City Manager Jimmy Morales.

City officials have been in contact with the Hernandez family and the Colombian Consulate to personally extend their condolences and provide assurances of a full and fair investigation.

"All of us at the City of Miami Beach continue to be saddened by this unfortunate incident and our condolences go out to the Hernandez family," Morales continued.

While the investigation is proceeding, we cannot comment on specific factual findings. All of the agencies have the goal of moving as quickly as possible in this matter, recognizing however, that the complete results from the Medical Examiner's Office, including the toxicology reports, may take six to eight weeks to be completed. Once all of the results are received, the findings will be reviewed by all law enforcement agencies working on the case.

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