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Archdiocese of Miami Safe Environment Office Response Officer's Arrest

Archdiocese of Miami Safe Environment Director and the Superintendent of Schools were notified this afternoon of the arrest of a Fort Lauderdale police Officer related to the violation of FL State statute 847.0138, transmission of material harmful to a minor by electronic device.

According to the Broward Sheriff's Office of Internet Crimes Against Children, after being notified by Minnesota Human Trafficking Investigators Taskforce, Officer Louis Walsh was arrested for engaging in online activities with whom he believed was a female minor; in actuality, it was a female undercover officer.

Officer Walsh worked on traffic details, supervising the arrival and dismissal of students at two Archdiocesan Schools, St. Anthony Elementary School and Cardinal Gibbons High School, both located in Fort Lauderdale. In addition, Officer Walsh coached wrestling, as an assistant coach, at the high school.

The Safe Environment Office and the Superintendent of Schools encourage parents to review with their children the "Teaching Boundaries Safety" lessons taught in Catholic Schools, and be aware of any suspicious activity on laptops, cell phones, iPads, or desktops.

The BSO investigation is ongoing and if anyone has information regarding this case or believes may know someone who is a victim is encouraged to contact Detective Erica Rockey at 954 888-5290.

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