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Commissioner Marc Sarnoff Makes Public Safety a Priority for the FY 2008 Budget

Miami, FL.)- City of Miami Commissioners Marc Sarnoff and Tomas Regalado, knowing that violent crime is on the rise, led the City Commission in defunding Economic Development, effectively doing away with the Department. In addition, the move appropriated \$1 million, of \$1.5 million dollars, for police. This will result in 25 park rangers to patrol our parks and (either 10 new police officers or 20 new public service aides [PSA's]), bringing the total additional uniformed officers to more than 100 in the fiscal year 2008 budget.

“It is my commitment to safeguard Miami’s streets,” said Commissioner Sarnoff commitment to Miami on the Streets. “This action not only safeguards our community, but also meets the challenge of the Mayor’s budget.”

Commissioners Sarnoff and Regalado readily saw the need for a larger police presence prior to Thursday’s fatal shooting of Officer Jose Somohano by Shawn Labeet, and the critical injury to Officer Wright.

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