

ARREST / NOTICE TO APPEAR
Juvenile Referral Report

1 Arrest 3 Request For Warrant
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3 Juvenile N

OBTS Number	Agency ORI Number FLO 5 0 0 0 0	Agency Name PALM BEACH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	Agency Report Number 06	17-109540
Charge Type Check as many as apply <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1 Felony <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Traffic Felony	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Traffic Misdemeanor	<input type="checkbox"/> 5 Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> 6 Other	# Weapon Seized	Multiple Clearance Indicator

Location of Arrest (Including Name of Business)		Location of Offense (Including Name of Business)		
Date of Arrest	Time of Arrest	Booking Date	Booking Time	Jail Date

Name (Last, First, Middle) MEZA CRUZ PIEDAD		Alias (Name, DOB, Soc Sec # Etc.)		
Race W - White B - Black	Sex F	Date of Birth 12/20/71	Height 5'5"	Weight 150

Scars, Marks, Tattoos, Unique Physical Features (Location, Type, Description)	Martial Status MARRIED	Religion CHRISTIAN	Indication of Alcohol Influence 1 City 2 County 3 Florida 4 Out of State	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>
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Local Address (Street, Apt. Number) 10143 FOAL RD LAKE WORTH FL 33449	City	State	Zip	Phone 5612911721	Residence Type 1 City 2 County 3 Florida 4 Out of State	2
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DIL Number, State M226-660-71-960-0 FL	Social Security Number	INS Number	Place of Birth COLOMBIA	Citizenship NO
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Co-Defendant Name (Last, First, Middle)	Race	Sex	Date of Birth	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 Arrested <input type="checkbox"/> 2 At Large	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Felony <input type="checkbox"/> 4 Misdemeanor <input type="checkbox"/> 5 Juvenile
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Parent Legal Guardian Other	Name (Last, First, Middle)	Phone
Address (Street, Apt. No.)	City	State

Notified By (Name)	Date	Time	Juvenile Disposition 1 Handled/Processed within Dept and Released 2 TOT HRS/DYS 3 Incarcerated
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The above address was provided by <input type="checkbox"/> defendant and/or <input type="checkbox"/> defendant's parents. The child and/or parent was told to keep the Juvenile Court Clerk's Office (Phone 561-355-2526) informed of any address change.	School Attended	Grade
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Property Crime? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Description of Property	Value of Property
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Drug Activity N N/A P Possess	S Sell B Buy T Traffic	R Smuggle D Deliver E Use	K Dispense/ Distribute	M Manufacture/ Produce Cultivate	Z Other	Drug Type N N/A A Amphetamine	B Barbiturate C Cocaine E Heroin	H Hallucinogen M Marijuana	P Paraphernalia/ Equipment	U Unknown Z Other
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Charge Description CHILD ABUSE	Counts 1	Domestic Violence <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N	Statute Violation Number 827.03(1)(b)	Violation or ORD #
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Drug Activity N	Drug Type N	Amount/Unit N/A	Offense # 17-109540	Warrant/Capias Number	Bond
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Location (Court, Address, Room Number)	Court Date and Time Month Day Year Time AM <input type="checkbox"/> PM <input type="checkbox"/>
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I AGREE TO APPEAR AT THE ABOVE TIME AND PLACE DESIGNATED TO ANSWER THE OFFENSE CHARGED OR TO PAY THE FINE SUBSCRIBED. I UNDERSTAND THAT I SHOULD WILLFULLY FAIL TO APPEAR BEFORE THE COURT AS REQUIRED BY THIS NOTICE TO APPEAR, THAT I MAY BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND A WARRANT FOR MY ARREST SHALL BE ISSUED.

Signature of Defendant (or Juvenile and Parent/Custodian)	Date Signed	Name Verification (Printed by Arrestee)
HOLD for Other Agency Name <input type="checkbox"/> Dangerous <input type="checkbox"/> Suicidal <input type="checkbox"/> Resisted Arrest <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Signature of Arresting Officer D/S B. ERNSTAM 8783 Name of Arresting Officer D/S B. ERNSTAM ID # 8783	(PRINT) Page 1 of 2

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 AM 11:22
 JUVENILE COURT CLERK
 P. ERNSTAM

PROBABLE CAUSE AFFIDAVIT

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Defendant Name (Last, First, Middle) MEZA CRUZ PIEDAD				Date of Birth 12/20/71	
Charge CHILD ABUSE		Charge			
Victim Name (Last, First, Middle)		Race W Sex F Date of Birth 10/27/15			
Local Address (Street, Apt. Number) City State Zip		Phone		Address Source VERBAL	
Business Address (Street, Apt. Number) City State Zip		Phone		Occupation N/A	
The undersign swears that he/she has just and reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe that the above named Defendant committed the following violation of law. The person taken into custody... <input type="checkbox"/> committed the below acts in my presence. <input type="checkbox"/> was observed by _____ who told _____ that he/she saw the arrested person commit the below acts. <input type="checkbox"/> confessed to admitting to the below facts. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> was found to have committed the below acts, resulting from (described) investigation. On the 27TH day of JULY 20 17 at 12:00 <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM					

On 8/1/2017 at approximately 1215 hrs, I responded to [redacted] located [redacted] in the Village of Royal Palm Beach, FL in reference to a report of child abuse. Upon my arrival, I spoke to DCF Investigator Karen Porter, who provided me with a copy of the DCF Intake report, #2017-223805-01. It detailed the following allegations: "On 07/27/17, the teacher grabbed the child by the cheeks and squeezed when she was trying to get the child to eat and was seen on video camera. The bruises on the child's face look like two fingerprints. The child was crying for a bit when this happened. The teacher has no past incidents with violence. Another teacher had stated that the child was choking and she was trying to get her food out. Both teachers have been excused. There no further issues at this time."

We first spoke to the Director of the school, Jill Feick, who advised she first learned of the incident when [redacted] mother, [redacted] e-mailed her photos of [redacted] bruised face. She interviewed Meza and Thelemaque, who were the teachers present in the classroom at the time of the incident. They both told her that [redacted] was choking and Meza was trying to get food out of her mouth. Feick then viewed the video which she felt depicted a different account. She advised both teachers were sent home, and are under internal investigation. She showed us the video, however it was on an older small screen in a closet and it was unable to be viewed clearly. Feick advised she was going to have a copy made for me so I can view it clearly. I was unable to see the child, because, according to Porter, her father picked her up and was too upset to stay at the school. Porter showed me pictures she took of the child. I observed two large bruises on [redacted] face, one on each cheek. She also showed me photographs taken by the child's mother. She e-mailed me copies of all of the pictures taken of the injuries, which I later transferred to an SD card and entered in to PBSO Evidence.

We first interviewed Thelemaque at PBSO District 9, located at 11498 Okeechobee Blvd. She agreed to meet us to speak about the incident. I audio- and video-recorded the interview on my in-car camera. She stated the incident was during the children's meal time. She was sitting at a table feeding another child when she heard [redacted] crying, and Meza yelling "Open! Open!" She looked over and saw Meza with her hand around [redacted] face, squeezing. She stated [redacted] was crying so loudly that another teacher came in the room to ask if everything was all right. Thelemaque said Meza told her that [redacted] was choking and she was trying to get the food out of her mouth. She advised that an incident like that is not usually reported, because the child was not injured, however, Meza later advised [redacted] sustained a scratch on her cheek at the playground. Meza completed an incident report and turned it over to Thelemaque to have her parent sign. Thelemaque did not read the report. She stated the other teacher who usually works

The foregoing instrument was sworn to and affirmed before me this 28TH day of AUGUST 20 17, by:

SGT. D. FELLOWS #8400 Name of Notary Public / Clerk of Court / Officer (F.S.S. 117.00)
D/S B. ERNSTAM 8783 Name of Arresting/Investigating Officer

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with Meza was on vacation that week, and she is a "floater" and was covering the classroom. She said that the children in Meza's classroom "are always crying." I later classified and uploaded the video interview between me and Thelemaque.

I then asked Meza to meet me at District 9 to speak about the incident. After she got there, D/S Hernandez ID 6635 read her Miranda Warnings from a printed card in Spanish. She then invoked her right to an attorney. She signed the Miranda Warnings card, which I later entered in to a PBSO District 9 evidence locker.

Due to a lack of interview from the suspect, I am awaiting a copy of the video surveillance so I can view it clearly, and determine if there is probable cause for child abuse. I am also going to attempt to obtain incident reports and the internal investigation reports to review, and schedule an interview with the teacher in the neighboring classroom that heard _____ crying.

On 8/11/2017, a subpoena was issued by the state attorney's office for _____ school records as well as a copy of the video of the incident. On 8/15/2017, I served the subpoena and Vickie Farmer at _____ main campus, located at _____ in unincorporated West Palm Beach, FL, provided me with the items listed in the subpoena. In the video, it is clear that Piedad Meza was pushing the child's head back. She appeared to force food in to the child's mouth at least twice. She was gripping the child's face with her hand, which is consistent with the bruises I observed in the pictures.

I received a report from Child Protection Team of Palm Beach. It advised the following: "After reviewing the history, physical, photographs, discussing the interview with S.C.C., Ms Muehlberg and speaking with the father the findings are positive for physical abuse... The injuries to the child's face are consistent with forceful squeezing of the facial cheeks in an attempt to force feed the child."

I received an email message to call Piedad Meza's attorney, Robert Pasch. I called the number given to me and was on hold for over 15 minutes, until I had to hang up to respond to an unrelated call for service. I then called twice more the following day, and was on hold with no option to leave a message. Based on my investigation, I believe that Piedad Meza did intentionally inflict physical harm to one-year-old _____ that resulted in physical injury, contrary to F.S.S. 827.03(1)(b). I am going to file this charge with the State Attorney's Office. This case will remain inactive pending their decision to issue a warrant.

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