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## **TWO HORSES STOLEN FROM HIALEAH RANCH**

*South Florida SPCA Urges Public to Be on the Lookout*

(MIAMI, FL – May 12, 2017) South Florida SPCA urges the public to be on the lookout for two horses stolen from 16480 NW 117<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Hialeah. One is a chestnut Quarter Horse mare and the other is a bay Paso Fino gelding.

SFSPCA spoke with caretaker Yamil Gonzalez, who said the horses were discovered missing at 6:30am today. He noted that a portion of the property's fencing was cut away indicating foul play.

"I don't understand why these two were taken. There were five other horses in the barn. Someone just walked in and chose those two and took them out of their stalls. There were two others outside they walked past," said Gonzalez.

SFSPCA is working with Gonzalez and Miami Dade Agricultural Patrol to help find the horses.

Kathleen Monahan, president of South Florida SPCA horse rescue stated, "This is a horrible situation for the owners and those who care for these horses. We strongly urge the public to call with any information they have."

***Anyone with information on the horses' whereabouts should contact the Miami-Dade Police Agricultural Unit at (786) 218-8344.***

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## **ABOUT SOUTH FLORIDA SPCA**

South Florida Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization located in Miami, Florida. Founded in 1992, it is dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation and adoption of abused, neglected and abandoned horses and other livestock. The organization also educates the community about responsible equine care and ownership, and promotes the welfare of equines through local and national advocacy. South Florida SPCA works in partnership with local law enforcement, and receives partial funding from Miami-Dade Animal Services (MDAS)\*. For more information about South Florida SPCA, visit <http://www.helpthehorses.org>.

\* Since 2008, Miami-Dade Animal Services Department (ASD) has provided a portion of the funding required to support the South Florida SPCA's activities for the care and rescue of abandoned horses and other large farm animals. ASD also provides other comprehensive animal services and funding through a number of other programs and support efforts. ASD is now one of the largest no kill shelters in the United States. The new Pet Adoption and Protection Center is located in Doral, Florida. For more information, please visit <http://www.miamidade.gov/animals/>.

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