

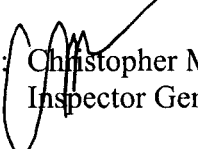
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**Office of the Inspector General
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Memorandum

To: The Honorable Alex Penelas, Mayor

The Honorable Chairperson Barbara Carey-Shuler, Ed. D.
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

From:  Christopher Mazzella
Inspector General

Date: September 17, 2004

Re: Arrest of Nilo Juri – Campaign Financing Fraud Arrest

Attached is a news advisory issued by the State Attorney's Office relating to the arrest of Nilo Juri in connection with a fraud regarding the August 31, 2004 Miami-Dade County Commission race for the District 13 seat, currently held by the Honorable Commissioner Natacha Seijas.

The joint investigation by the Office of the Inspector General and the State Attorney's Office resulted in the arrest of Juri, a consultant and employee of Maranon and Associates, an advertising firm located in Coral Gables, Florida. He was arrested for providing indirect contributions to the Jorge Roque campaign in the names of friends and others. The false contributor information allowed the Roque Campaign to qualify for and receive \$75,000 from the County's Campaign Trust Fund.

With respect to its continuing review of the contributors lists that were submitted as part of the application process for County money from the Campaign Financing Trust Fund, the OIG found weaknesses in the administration and oversight of this program. We will, when appropriate, issue a report on our findings. And, to the extent possible, we will participate in any hearings the Board of County Commissioners may hold concerning the Campaign Financing Trust Fund.

The investigation into further improprieties associated with the Roque campaign's application for the County's Campaign Trust Fund monies is on-going and additional arrests are expected.

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ELECTIONS FRAUD PROBE RESULTS IN ADDITIONAL ARREST

As a result of the continued investigation by the Election Response Team into discovered financial irregularities of unsuccessful District 13 County Commission candidate, Jorge Roque, there has been an additional arrest. This would be the third (3rd) arrest by the Election Response Team since its creation. Details of the arrest will be announced at a press conference this afternoon, September 17, 2004.

The press conference will be held at 2:00 p.m. in room 418-S. The Office of the State Attorney is in the E. R. Graham building located at 1350 NW 12th Avenue, Miami. Please arrive early enough to obtain security clearance through the building's security review process.

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