



# Hallandale Beach Police Department

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## **PRESS RELEASE** **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>March 1, 2022</b>
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<b>NOTES:</b>	<b>Attempted Human Trafficking - Att. Forced Sex of Child and Obscene Communication with a Minor Case # 28-2201-002857</b>

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Hallandale Beach, Florida 33009</b>
	<p>The Hallandale Beach Police Department has made an arrest in an Attempted Human Trafficking Case.</p> <p><b>Overview:</b> On January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022, defendant Joseph Brown, a Carnival Operator, made contact with a 13-year-old juvenile at a local church carnival and obtained the victim's cell phone number. The suspect told the victim he would contact them when a certain ride would be open and functioning. The defendant then began texting the victim sexual in nature messages, soliciting the victim to joint private sex parties for a fee. The victim then notified their parents and the police. Detectives made contact with the defendant and after a thorough investigation, the defendant was arrested and charged with Attempted Human Trafficking for Sex with a Child and Use of a Device to Solicit a Child to Engage in Unlawful Sexual Conduct.</p> <p>If anyone has had a similar encounter with Mr. Brown, and believes they're a victim, please contact the police department's Detective C. Allen at 954-457-1436 for further assistance.</p> <div data-bbox="820 1644 1052 1881" data-label="Image"></div> <p><b>Defendant Brown, 5'8, 29-year-old male, does not appear to look his age, distinct accent and high-pitched-low-toned voice.</b> ####</p>



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