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SEXUAL BATTERY ARREST

On January 30, 2025 at approximately 1:20am the Madison Police Department received a call regarding a female who had been sexually assaulted at Fernando's Restaurant located at 121 Colony Crossing Way in the city limits of Madison, MS.

Investigators with the Madison Police Department began investigating the sexual assault which led to the arrest of Jose Rigoberta Meija-Cubias, age 37, of El Salvador. This individual was located at Fernando's Restaurant where he was taken into custody while a search warrant was being conducted at the establishment. During the course of the search warrant, Investigators came into contact with several suspected illegal aliens that were employed at the restaurant. U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) responded to the scene and took a total of seven illegal aliens into custody.

Meija-Cubias is currently being charged with Sexual Battery of a Physically Helpless Person and Tampering with Evidence. Jose Rigoberta Meija-Cubias will be housed at the Madison County Detention Center as he awaits his initial appearance in the City of Madison Municipal Court. Meija-Cubias case will then be presented to the Madison County Grand Jury before District Attorney John 'Bubba' Bramlett.

ICE has placed a detainer on Meija-Cubias as he was previously deported from the United States in 2010.

Due to the nature of the case and its victim, there will be no other information released at this time.

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Jose Rigoberta Meija-Cubias, Age 37

El Salvador