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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> AVON PARK POLICE OFFICER ARRESTED**

At approximately 2:00 p.m. today, Agents from FDLE's Sebring Field Office arrested the following sworn member of the Avon Park Police Department:

Officer Alberto Perez, thirty-three (33), a member of the Police Department since July of 2007.

Perez was arrested pursuant to a violation of Florida State Statute 836.05; Threats or Extortion.

Today's arrest is the continuation of an investigation conducted by FDLE into Police misconduct and is the 2<sup>nd</sup> arrest of an Avon Park Police Officer within the last two (2) weeks. Assistance with this investigation was provided by the Avon Park Police Department and the State Attorneys Office.

There will not be a press conference in reference to today's arrest. A copy of today's arrest affidavit will be posted at 9:00 p.m. tonight on the Avon Park Police Department's website; [www.avonparkpolice.com](http://www.avonparkpolice.com). A copy of the November 19, 2008 arrest affidavit on Officer Adam Willis will also be posted on the Department's website at the aforementioned time.

Officer Perez had been placed on Administrative Leave with pay on November 19, 2008 after the arrest of Officer Adam Willis. As a result of today's arrest Perez will be placed on Administrative Leave without pay, pending further investigation. Officer Willis is currently on Administrative Leave without pay.

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