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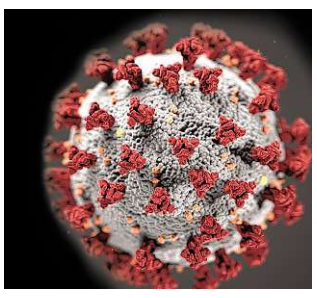

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Miami-Dade's school-zone cameras have led to nearly 34,000 license suspensions

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Since the first speed camera went up outside a Miami-Dade school in late 2024, vehicle owners across the county have received hundreds of thousands of automated speeding violations.

For many, those mailed notices also delivered problems much more severe than the $100 fine — tens of thousands of drivers saw their licenses suspended after they didn't pay the fee.

After fewer than two years in operation, the cameras are tied to nearly 34,000 license suspensions, according to data from the county clerk's office obtained by the Miami Herald.

Because the private operators of the lucrative camera systems rely on the postal system to notify vehicle owners that they owe $100, hiccups with the mail are putting people on track for a license suspension without knowing they were accused of doing anything wrong. The cameras also can't confirm whether it was the vehicle owner driving in a school zone, leaving some people vulnerable to a license suspension due to somebody else being behind the wheel.

The flood of suspensions tied to the cameras illustrate the new financial hazards facing drivers from the growing network of privately operated speed cameras that were legalized by the Florida Legislature in 2024. They're allowed to operate outside schools throughout the school day, regardless of whether it's drop off or pick up time, or whether the yellow school zone lights are flashing.

"It's a huge volume of cases that are coming through," said Leo Guerra, a Miami lawyer who said the school-zone cameras now represent his top category of traffic-violation cases. "The camera tickets are coming in by the boatload."

Fines paid by drivers are fueling substantial new revenue for governments, police and the for-profit camera operators, with

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One of the school-zone speed limit signs around Palmetto Elementary.

Inter Miami will finally play at the home that Beckham promised

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Finally, 12 years after David Beckham arrived on the shores of Biscayne Bay in a tailored suit and announced that he was bringing Major League Soccer to Miami, after an odyssey rife with political battles and repeated roadblocks, after six years playing in a temporary stadium in Fort Lauderdale, the British icon's vision will become reality.

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Construction is ongoing at Nu Stadium.

Inter Miami, led by Argentine captain Lionel Messi, will play its inaugural game in the club's newly constructed 26,700-seat home, Nu Stadium at Miami Freedom Park, on Saturday at 7:30 p.m. against Austin FC.

"We're Coming Home" declares the club's promotional campaign.

It isn't *exactly* the home Beckham originally envisioned. He dreamed of a waterfront stadium with picturesque views and tried to cut a deal for a site at the county-owned Port Miami.

But that proposal got blocked, leading to another failed waterfront bid for a stadium at the boat slip on Biscayne Boulevard next to what is now Kaseya Center.

Plan C was adjacent to Marlins Park in Little Havana, but that didn't work out, either. A proposed Overtown site a few blocks from the Miami River started to take hold but faced community opposition. In all,

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Jail time, drones and bumpy walls

Inside Miami Beach's homeless arrest machine

Miami Beach police increased enforcement of a city ordinance banning public camping in mid-2024. The number of camping arrests more than tripled in 2025.

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There's been a major reduction in Miami Beach's homeless population over the last few years — and the city has been using increasingly aggressive tactics to help make it happen.

Police ratcheted up enforcement of a ban on outdoor sleeping, making around 800 arrests in 2025.

City workers installed concrete bumps on walls to make them more difficult to sit or sleep on.

Officers even began flying drones to find homeless people hidden in the dunes along the beach, launching more than 40 drone flights last year that led to eight people being arrested.

Now, city officials are celebrating their success — despite criticism from advocates who say Miami Beach is simply pushing the homeless population into jails, shelters and the street in other parts of the county.

At his State of the City address last month, Mayor Steven Meiner revealed that an overnight census in January had identified just 93 homeless people in Miami Beach — the city's lowest figure since the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust began conducting counts in 1997.

The same census showed increases in the homeless population in the city of Miami and county-

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