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## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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## NIGHT DROP ROBBERY SUSPECT ARRESTED

\*\*\*Video from a Lighthouse Point Robbery is Available\*\*\*

On January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010, investigators from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, in conjunction with the United States Marshal's Service, served an arrest warrant on a man wanted in connection with a series of night drop bank robberies in Broward County. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident at 32 Northeast 164<sup>th</sup> Street in Miami, FL.

The suspect has been identified as Joel Sejour, B/M, 10/17/73.

Investigators from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department believe Sejour is responsible for multiple robberies throughout Broward County. Fort Lauderdale Detectives have connected Sejour to four different night drop robberies within the City of Fort Lauderdale. Fort Lauderdale Detectives worked with surrounding jurisdictions and discovered that the City of Lighthouse Point, as well as the Broward County Sheriff's Office, had similar robberies in their respective jurisdictions.

A cooperative investigation was initiated between the City of Lighthouse Point Police Department, the Broward County Sheriff's Office, and the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department. All three departments played a vital role in gathering evidence and pursuing leads.

Investigators learned that Sejour would approach the victims as they were dropping off the night deposits at banking institutions for their respective employers. Sejour would then forcefully take the cash from the victims and flee the scene. The total approximate loss to all victims involved is estimated at over \$20,000.00.

On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, an observant citizen called the Broward County Sheriff's Office regarding a suspicious vehicle parked at a Bank of America. Deputies responded and were able to locate Sejour, who was casing the bank in order to commit another robbery. At that time, Sejour was charged with Prowling by the

Broward County Sheriff's Office. This arrest led to the identification of Sejour as a possible suspect in the other robberies throughout the county and helped investigators move forward with their cases.

At this time, Sejour has been charged with six counts of Robbery and two counts of wearing a mask while committing a felony. The investigation is still on going and further charges are still pending.

Anyone with further information is urged to contact Detective Almanzar at 954-828-5546 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



Sejour, Joel 10/17/73

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