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AGGRAVATED BATTERY

UPDATE 2 (3/16/11):

On March 16, 2011, a detective from the Fort Lauderdale Fugitive Unit, who is a member of the FBI Fugitive Task Force, apprehended John Gibbons. Gibbons was located in the 100 Block of Northwest 33rd Terrace in the City of Lauderdale. Investigators searched the jurisdictions of Fort Lauderdale, Davie, North Lauderdale, and Tamarac, where Gibbons had known associates. Gibbons had changed his appearance in an attempt to conceal his true identity.

The Fort Lauderdale Fugitive Detective worked closely with the Fort Lauderdale Violent Crimes Unit, in an effort to locate and apprehend this wanted fugitive who was one the run.

Gibbons has been charged with one count of Attempted Murder and has been transported to the Broward County Main Jail.

UPDATE 1 (3/15/11):

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is still actively investigating the aggravated battery case in which William Stouffer was doused in an accelerant by John Gibbons and then lit on fire. As of today, the victim's family has increased the Broward County Crime Stoppers' reward up to a total of \$5,000.00 for any information that leads to the apprehension of John Gibbons.

ORIGINAL (2/18/11):

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an Aggravated Battery that occurred on February 18th, 2011, at approximately 3:50 A.M., at 2901 West Commercial Boulevard in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that two individuals got into an altercation behind the Burger King at 2901 West Commercial Boulevard. The altercation intensified and turned physical. One of the individuals proceeded to douse the other individual in an accelerant and lit him on fire.

The victim was initially transported to Broward General Medical Center and was later airlifted to Jackson Memorial Hospital for burn treatment. The victim

sustained serious burns to his body and is currently listed in critical condition. The victim has been identified as William Stouffer, W/M, 2/5/60.

The suspect has been identified as John Gibbons, W/M, 7/22/52, and is currently at large. The investigation is still on going at this time.

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



Gibbons, John
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