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PRESS RELEASE

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**VALERO VEHICLE
BURGLARY SUSPECT**

Surveillance Video Footage Available

UPDATE (3/17/11):

Investigators have identified the suspect who committed the automobile burglary at the Valero Gas Station on February 20th, 2011.

After an extensive investigation, detectives have identified the suspect as Michael Liptrot, B/M, 10/12/75. Liptrot is a Lauderhill resident.

Liptrot is currently incarcerated on other charges at a Broward County Jail, but has been charged by Fort Lauderdale Detectives for Automobile Burglary as well as Grand Theft. Fort Lauderdale Detectives also believe that Liptrot is connected to other automobile burglaries throughout the City of Fort Lauderdale and Broward County.

Anyone with further information about Liptrot's involvement in automobile burglaries throughout the City of Fort Lauderdale is encouraged to contact Detective Hannold at 954-828-5459 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



Liptrot, Michael
10/12/75

ORIGINAL (3/10/11):

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an automobile burglary that occurred on February 20, 2011, at approximately 9:00 P.M. The burglary

occurred at the Valero Gas Station located at 3690 West Broward Boulevard in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Surveillance video shows that the suspect entered into the Valero Gas Station at approximately 8:58 P.M. and purchased some items from the store. The suspect exited the store on his bicycle soon after the victim entered into the store. After circling back on his bicycle, the suspect located the victim's unoccupied vehicle. The suspect briefly peered through the window of the vehicle and observed some of the victim's property sitting on the front passenger seat. The suspect then proceeded to use a slender object, possibly a baton, to break the passenger window and quickly reached inside the vehicle, stealing the victim's property.

The suspect fled on his bicycle with the victim's property and was gone prior to police arrival. The victim's loss is still under investigation.

The suspect has been described as a black male, wearing a white t-shirt, dark jeans, and a black back support belt with suspenders.

Anyone with further information regarding the identity of this suspect is urged to contact Detective Hannold at 954-828-5459 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



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