

## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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## VEHICLE BURGLARS CAUGHT ON CAMERA

\*\*\*Surveillance Video Available for Pick-up\*\*\*

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an automobile burglary that occurred at approximately 3:55 A.M. on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The burglary took place in the 100 block of Northwest 4<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Investigators have learned, through surveillance footage, that on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011, three males parked their vehicle in the roadway and turned on their hazard lights behind an unoccupied vehicle. The three males then approached the victim's vehicle and began throwing small objects, possibly spark plugs, at the windows of the unoccupied vehicle. Eventually, the suspects were able to break the windows and gain entry into the vehicle.

As the suspects were rummaging through the victim's car, a random vehicle drove through the area. Fearing they may have been caught in the act, two of the suspects quickly walked off, while the third remained bent over inside the vehicle with his legs dangling outside. Once the random vehicle drove off, the two suspects returned and continued to fumble through the victim's vehicle.

After successfully burglarizing the first vehicle, the three suspects then attempted to burglarize another parked vehicle. For an unknown reason, the suspects quickly abandoned their efforts to burglarize the second vehicle and fled the scene.

Detectives believe that the suspects may be involved in other automobile burglaries throughout the area.

Investigators are urging anyone who may know the identity of the burglars, or the type of vehicle they were driving, to contact Detective Brignoni at 954-828-5597 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.

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