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PRESS RELEASE

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**ARMED ROBBERY SUSPECT**

**\*\*\*A Copy of the Surveillance Footage from the Family Dollar is Available\*\*\***

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a suspect who committed two armed robberies within a span of 24 hours in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The first armed robbery took place on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, at approximately 8:50 P.M., at a Family Dollar business. The Family Dollar is located at 1939 Northwest 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale. The second armed robbery occurred on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, at approximately 11:50 A.M., at the Caribbean Mizik business. The Caribbean Mizik is located at 1954 Northwest 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, the suspect entered into the Family Dollar business and lured a lone employee to the dog food aisle. The suspect then brandished a fire arm and forced the employee to walk over to the cash register, stating "Do what I say and no one gets hurt...if not, I will shoot you." Fearing for their life, the employee walked over to the cash register and proceeded to give the suspect an undisclosed amount of U.S. Currency. While committing the robbery, the suspect ran into a slight problem; in order for the employee to open the register, the suspect had to "purchase" a stick of gum for a dollar to gain access to the cash drawer. After the "transaction," the suspect took his dollar back, along with all the other cash in the register. The suspect then fled the scene prior to the police being called. The suspect was able to commit the Family Dollar armed robbery without being noticed by the other customers still shopping in the store.

On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the suspect entered into the Caribbean Mizik business and brazenly pointed a black handgun at the employees, demanding all the money from the cash register. The suspect then threatened the employees that if they called the police, he would shoot them. Again, the suspect was able to steal an undisclosed amount of U.S. Currency and fled the scene prior to police being called.

The suspect is described as a B/M, 5' 4" in height, approximately 150 pounds in weight, and possibly ranging from 20 to 32 years of age. In both armed robberies the suspect wore the same clothing which consisted of a white jacket with a design on the back, sunglasses, and a white baseball hat. The suspect is

believed to be armed with a black semi-automatic hand gun. Witnesses describe the suspect as having a calm demeanor and being soft spoken.

This is still an active and ongoing investigation. Detectives are asking for the help of the public in identifying this armed robbery suspect.

If anyone has any information regarding the identity of this suspect they are encouraged to contact Detective Figone at 954-828-5518 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



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