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PRESS RELEASE

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## **DOMESTIC TURMOIL**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department responded to a Domestic Disturbance that occurred on Thursday, August 4th, 2011, at approximately 1:23 P.M. The incident occurred in the 1400 block of Northwest 19th Street, in the city of Fort Lauderdale. Preliminary investigation revealed that two family members were having a verbal dispute, which quickly escalated into a physical altercation. The suspect left the residence, but later returned with a firearm.

Investigators believe that the suspect fired a single shot into the direction of the victim. The victim was not struck by the bullet. The suspect then fled the scene and was believed to be located at a residence in the 200 block of Northeast 16<sup>th</sup> Street. Detectives were initially unable to make contact with the suspect, believing him to be barricaded in the residence.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department SWAT Team and Negotiators responded to the scene. The negotiators were able to make contact with the suspect, who reluctantly provided them with his exact location. Several Fort Lauderdale Officers responded to the 400 block of West Sunrise Boulevard, where the suspect was taken into custody without further incident.

The suspect has been identified as Michael Finch, B/M, 03/27/75, a Fort Lauderdale resident. Finch has been charged with one count of Aggravated Assault with a Firearm.

The investigation is still active and on-going. Investigators are urging anyone with further information to contact Detective Lisa Cahir at 954-828-5964.



Michael Finch  
DOB 03/27/75

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