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**RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY
ATTEMPT**

*****SURVEILLANCE FOOTAGE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA IN PD LOBBY*****
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The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an attempted residential burglary that occurred at 259 Southwest 37th Terrace in the City of Fort Lauderdale. The burglary attempt took place on September 23rd, 2011, at approximately 1:30 P.M.

Surveillance footage from the victim's security cameras captured the attempted burglary take place. The video shows the suspect approaching the victim's front door, knocking repeatedly to see if anyone is home. When no one answered the front door, the suspect ventured into the gated backyard. Unbeknownst to the suspect, the victim was home while the burglary attempt was taking place.

Once in the backyard, the suspect attempted to break open a door, all the while talking on a cell phone that was draped on a lanyard around his neck. Detectives believe that the suspect was keeping an open line of communication with a "look-out" somewhere in the street. As the suspect continued to focus his efforts on breaking into the residence, the victim rattled a window. The noise alerted the suspect that the residence was occupied and he quickly fled the scene.

Detectives believe different burglars are using this "knock and wait" method to check if a residence is occupied, prior to breaking in.

The suspect has been described as a black male, possibly in his late teens to early twenties, last seen wearing a black t-shirt and black shorts.

Investigators are urging anyone with further information regarding the suspect's identity to contact Detective Hannold at 954-828-5459 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



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