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7-11 ARMED ROBBERY

7-11 SURVEILLANCE FOOTAGE AVAILABLE TO MEDIA IN PD LOBBY On October 5th, 2011, at approximately 11:30 P.M., the Fort Lauderdale Police Department responded to the 7-11 convenience store located at 820 West McNab Road in reference to a suspect discharging a firearm.

Witnesses observed the suspect firing a handgun several times from his vehicle at closed businesses and a parked car in front of the 7-11 convenience store. Witnesses then watched the suspect enter into the 7-11 convenience store. Once inside, the suspect brandished a semi-automatic handgun and confronted a clerk working in the store. The suspect demanded cash from the register and stole an undetermined amount of U.S. currency.

While the suspect was fleeing the store in his vehicle, a 1998 Silver Lincoln Towncar, he encountered a Fort Lauderdale Police Officer and Broward Sheriff's Office Deputy responding to the area. Upon seeing the responding Officer and Deputy, the suspect stopped his vehicle. The suspect reached out of his vehicle and fired a round at the Officer and Deputy, narrowly missing both first responders. After firing the bullet, the suspect then began to drive off.

The Officer and Deputy immediately gave chase and pursued the suspect into the Windward Lakes Apartment Complex, located at 4005 West McNab Road in Pompano Beach. The suspect exited his vehicle, holding two handguns, and placed one of the firearms to his own head. The suspect ignored the officers' commands to surrender and walked into his own apartment.

A SWAT response was initiated and after several hours of negotiation, the suspect surrendered to police.

The suspect has been identified as Richard Robinson, W/M, 3/6/84, a Pompano Beach resident.

No injuries were sustained during the robbery or when Robinson discharged his firearm.

Robinson has been initially charged with the following:

- 1 count of Robbery with a Firearm
- 2 counts of Aggravated Assault on a L.E.O. with a Firearm

This is still an active and ongoing investigation. Investigators are urging anyone with further information about the robbery to contact Detective Thomas at 954-828-6093 or Detective Moody at 954-828-4018.



Robinson, Richard 03/06/1984 ###