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**PEACEMAKER DAMPERS DRUG
SALES**

Over the last two weeks, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department Street Crimes Unit conducted an undercover operation after receiving numerous complaints from the Dorsey Riverbend Home Owners Association regarding narcotic sales and prostitution in the 1100 block of Northwest 2nd Street.

The operation led to the arrest of ten (10) individuals for selling cocaine or marijuana.

At the conclusion of the undercover operation, on October 27th, 2011, the "Peacemaker" was deployed into the area as a continued surveillance unit, deterring further narcotic sales and prostitution.

The President of the Dorsey Riverbend Home Owners Association, LaRonda Ware, said that before the operation the area was "congested with drug dealers and prostitution." When asked how the area was after the undercover aspect of the operation concluded, she said, "it's clear, you can walk down the street without looking at drug dealers and prostitutes standing on the corner."

Ware further went on to laud the "Peacemaker" by saying, "We're ecstatic that the City is bringing in new technology and equipment to prevent crime. Dorsey Riverbend really appreciates the changes after the last two years and are really happy with the City."

If anyone throughout the City of Fort Lauderdale has any information regarding the sale of narcotics in their community, they are urged to contact the Street Crimes Hotline at 954-761-5661.

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