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PRESS RELEASE

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**CARJACKING**  
**(Suspect Arrested)**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department responded to a Robbery (Carjacking) that occurred on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at approximately 9:20 P.M. The incident occurred in the parking lot of Fort Lauderdale Pizza & Pasta, located at 2100 East Oakland Park Boulevard, in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The victims were parked at the listed business and while the driver exited the vehicle to retrieve their forgotten leftovers, a W/M suspect approached the vehicle and immediately occupied the driver's seat. As this suspect was putting the vehicle in drive, the female victim immediately realized the suspect's intentions and struggled to exit the vehicle. The female victim was grazed by the vehicle as the suspect fled from the parking lot. The female sustained minor scratches and bruises.

An alert for the victim's vehicle and the suspect was provided to officers in the area. Fort Lauderdale Police Officers immediately began circulating the area. Shortly after the incident, Road Patrol Officers observed the suspect driving the victim's vehicle in the 4300 block of North Federal Highway. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle to which the suspect refused and fled southbound on North Federal Highway, then westbound on East Oakland Park Boulevard. After a brief pursuit, the suspect was taken into custody in the 100 block of East Oakland Park Boulevard without further incident.

The suspect has been identified as Anthony M. Costi, W/M, 03/05/91, a Sunrise resident.

Costi has been initially charged with the following:

- 1 count of Carjacking without a firearm
- 1 count of Reckless Flee and Elude Law Enforcement Officer
- 2 counts of Failure to Obey Traffic Signal – Red Light
- 1 count of Unlawful Speed



Costi, Anthony M.  
03/05/91

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