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MAN BEATEN AT GAS STATION

*****Surveillance footage available for media***
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The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an aggravated battery that occurred on Sunday, February 19th, 2012, at approximately 10:10 P.M. The incident occurred at the Shell Gas Station located at 1144 South Andrews Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Detectives have learned that the victim, Michael Stocker, was waiting in line inside of the Shell Gas Station when the male standing in front of him became agitated. Unprovoked, the male told Stocker to "back up six inches." Stocker did not know the suspect and was confused as to why the male would even be speaking to him. After backing up, Stocker said that the male then started threatening him and calling him a "limey [expletive]...Australian." When Stocker advised the male he was "American," the male started to violently attack Stocker, striking him several times with his fists and knees. The male continued to pummel Stocker, who refused to fight back, until Stocker ended up being beaten into a corner of the store. The male then casually strolled out of the convenience store, as Stocker was left downtrodden in the corner. The male fled the scene prior to police arrival.

Witnesses saw the suspect leave in a grey colored pick up truck. The suspect has been described as a white male, approximately 30 years of age, 5' 9" in height, 180 pounds in weight, with brown hair and brown eyes. The suspect was last seen wearing a dark colored t-shirt and plaid shorts. The suspect has tattoos on his right arm.

Stocker sustained a chipped tooth as well as abrasions and bruises from the incident.

Video surveillance from the store captured the entire incident along with audio from the unprovoked violent confrontation.

Investigators are urging anyone with information regarding the suspect's identity to contact Detective Orlando Almanzar at 954-828-5546.



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