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BUSINESS BURGLARY

Surveillance Footage Available

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a business burglary that occurred during the early morning hours of Sunday, July 22nd, 2012. At approximately 2:00 A.M., a representative from IAVI, Inc. was notified of an alarm activation at the business. Officers responded to the audible alarm at 966 Northwest 51st Place, Fort Lauderdale. Officers checked the exterior of the business and found the exterior to be secure. The business manager responded to the scene and the officers informed him of their findings. The business manager conferred with the officers and all parties left the scene.

On Monday, July 23rd, 2012, at approximately 8:00 A.M., the business owner, Michael Arencibia, arrived at the business to discover a large hole in the concrete barrier walls between his business and the neighboring mechanic shop, EC Detailing, Inc., located at 988 Northwest 51st Place.

It has since been determined that the unknown suspects pried open a metal shutter to the EC Detailing, Inc. Upon gaining entry into this business the culprits then used a sledge hammer to forcefully destroy the concrete barrier walls between EC Detailing, Inc. and IAVI, Inc. The suspects then climbed through this cavity and gained access into the storage facility for IAVI, Inc. The suspects were ultimately successful in removing multiple televisions from the warehouse, but not before leaving behind their sledge hammer.

The business was equipped with security surveillance videos and captured the suspects minutes before they began their rigorous efforts to gain access into the warehouse.

Detectives are urging anyone with further information regarding the identity of the suspects to contact Detective Matthew Finstad at 954-828-6559.



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