

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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FORT LAUDERDALE FIREFIGHTER ARRESTED

On Wednesday, August 1st, 2012, The Fort Lauderdale Police Department made an arrest of a Fort Lauderdale Firefighter. This arrest is the result of an on-going investigation initiated by the Broward County Public Corruption Unit.

The Fort Lauderdale Firefighter has been identified as Steven Loleski. Loleski has been charged with one count of Threats/Extortion and one count of Solicitation to Commit or Use of Confidential Criminal Justice Information.

Investigators discovered that Loleski obtained an illegally, surreptitiously and nonconsensually recorded private conversation and then attempted to use this tape as a form of a threat. Loleski threatened to jeopardize an on-going investigation if the victim, a member of the Fort Lauderdale Fire Department and their bargaining union President, did not disclose information pertaining to an active criminal investigation.

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