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PRESS RELEASE

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

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department responded to an Armed Robbery (Carjacking) that occurred on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at approximately 2:00 A.M. The incident occurred in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The victims pulled into a parking space and as they exited the vehicle, a B/M suspect approached the vehicle armed with a firearm. The suspect ordered the two occupants out of the vehicle and onto the ground. One of the victims sustained serious facial injuries.

The suspect fled in the victim's vehicle from the scene. The suspect crashed in the 100 block of South Birch Road. A Fort Lauderdale Police Officer witnessed the collision and observed the suspect running from the scene. Officers pursued the suspect and he was taken into custody, still in possession of a firearm.

The suspect has been identified as Lawrence Rice, B/M, a North Lauderdale resident who is currently on pre-trial release, from the Broward County Courthouse, for a prior Armed Carjacking incident.

Rice has been federally charged with the following:

- Carjacking
- Felon in Possession of a Firearm

Rice's First Appearance will be held at the Federal Courthouse, in Fort Lauderdale, on Monday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

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