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FLPD CHARGES DUO FOR TWO ARMED ROBBERIES

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department responded to an Armed Robbery that occurred on Saturday, September 29th, 2012, at approximately 9:00 P.M. The incident occurred at the 99 Cents Store, located at 1607 East Sunrise Boulevard in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The suspect entered the business and implied that he was in possession of a handgun. The suspect threatened to point the handgun at the store clerk and demanded him to open the cash register as the suspect counted down from ten. The store clerk feared for his life and complied with the suspect's demands. The suspect grabbed the cash from the register and fled from the area.

A witness, who was identified as Robert Martinez-Valerino, told officers on-scene that he was inside the store and witnessed the incident. Valerino claimed that he attempted to catch the suspect for police. Valerino told officers that he chased the suspect from the store, but lost sight of him.

On Tuesday, October 2nd, at approximately 3:31 A.M., Fort Lauderdale Police Officers responded to Walgreens located at 1515 East Sunrise Boulevard in the City of Fort Lauderdale. As officers responded to the area, they immediately located the suspects and took them into custody.

These two suspects arrested were identified as Robert Martinez-Valerino, W/M, 12/27/92, and Kyle Spellacy, W/M, 03/24/93, residents of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Both Valerino and Spellacy gave full confessions to the armed robbery of the Walgreens.

Fort Lauderdale Police Robbery Detectives discovered that Valerino and Spellacy were also responsible for the armed robbery of the 99 Cents Store and two additional armed robberies in the City of Oakland Park and the City of Wilton Manors.

Detectives are urging anyone with further information regarding this incident to contact Detective Jason Wood at 954-828-5344.

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