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**FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**FIREFIGHTERS ARRESTED**

As of Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, the Fort Lauderdale Police Department has arrested four current Fort Lauderdale Firefighters and issued a warrant for a former Fort Lauderdale Firefighter. These arrests are the results of an on-going investigation being conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Broward County Public Corruption Task Force and the Broward County Office of Inspector General.

This investigation was initiated when a routine audit by the State of Florida's Department of Health discovered a fraudulent document. The Department of Health brought this finding to the Fort Lauderdale Fire Department and an internal investigation confirmed their findings. Chief Justinak, of the Fort Lauderdale Fire Department then turned this investigation over to the Fort Lauderdale Police Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Broward County Public Corruption Task Force.

The investigation focused on five fire fighters from the Fort Lauderdale Fire Department:

1. Michael Reimer – a recently resigned, 12 year veteran.
2. Freddie Batista – a 14 year veteran.
3. Steve Loleski – a 12 year veteran.
4. Gregory Jones – a 6 year veteran.
5. Joseph Perri – a 6 year veteran.

According to the Fort Lauderdale Police Department arrest warrants, the charges are as follows;

Michael Reimer has an active warrant for the following charges:

- 1 Count of Uttering a Forged Document
- 1 Count of Grand Theft
- 1 Count of Official Misconduct

Freddie Batista has been charged with the following:

- 5 Counts of Forgery
- 5 Counts of Official Misconduct

Steve Loleski has been charged with the following:

- 1 Count of Uttering a Forged Document
- 1 Count of Grand Theft
- 1 Count of Official Misconduct

Gregory Jones has been charged with the following:

- 1 Count of Uttering a Forged Document
- 1 Count of Grand Theft
- 1 Count of Official Misconduct

Joseph Perri has been charged with the following crimes:

- 1 Count of Uttering a Forged Document
- 1 Count of Official Misconduct

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