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**ARMED ROBBERY
OF A BUSINESS**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department responded to an Armed Robbery that occurred on Tuesday, January 29th at approximately 12:57 P.M. The incident occurred at the TJ Maxx located at 3120 North Federal Highway in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Two B/M suspects entered the business posing as customers. One of the suspects approached the store manager, informed him that he was armed with a handgun and demanded to be escorted to the safe. The other manager witnessed this interaction and walked towards their location. That same suspect produced a silver handgun and instructed the second manager to the location of the safe. While both managers were with the first suspect the second suspect entered the office and made contact with an additional employee. The second suspect informed this employee of the robbery and ordered her to keep quiet and not move until the suspects left the store.

The victims feared for their lives and complied with the suspect's demands to open the safe. Once the safe was opened, the suspects grabbed the bank deposit bags from the safe and fled the store from the main entrance.

The suspects were last seen running in a northwesterly direction from the west side entrances of the Coral Ridge Mall, where they jumped into a nearby vehicle and fled the area.

The suspect vehicle is being described as newer model, red, 4-door, Kia, with a possible tag ending in "143".

The first suspect is described as a B/M, in his 20's, 5'7" to 6'0" in height, thin build, wearing eye glasses, dress shirt, tie, and a black baseball cap with large yellow letters that read; "BOSTON".

The second suspect is described as a B/M, in his 20's, 5'10" to 6'0" in height, thin build, wearing a black knit hat and black clothing.

The third suspect is described as a B/M, in his 20's, bald head, beard, 5'8" to 6'0" in height, heavy build. The third suspect was seen driving the suspects from the scene.

Detectives are urging anyone with further information regarding this robbery or the identity of the suspects to contact Detective Elijah Thomas at 954-828-6093.



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