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PRESS RELEASE

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**ARMED ROBBERY  
OF YELLOW CAB**

**UPDATE 02.06.2013**

Violent Crimes Detectives received tips after the release of this video and have identified the suspect responsible for the armed robbery of the Yellow Cab driver.

That suspect has been identified as Autuan Antonio Knowles, B/M, 1/12/81, a City of Wilton Manors resident.

Detectives from the Fort Lauderdale Police Department Violent Crimes and Career Criminal Unit, in conjunction with the FBI Violent Crimes Fugitive Task Force and Broward Sheriff's Office, Pompano District, located Knowles in the City of Pompano. Knowles was arrested at approximately 5:00 P.M. on February 5, 2013 in the City of Pompano.

Knowles has been charged with the following;

- (1) Count of Robbery with a Firearm
- (1) Count of Violation of Probation

**ORIGINAL 02.04.2013**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an Armed Robbery that occurred on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at approximately 1:30 A.M. The incident occurred at 1318 Northwest 7<sup>th</sup> Court in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The local Yellow Cab Company dispatched a driver to Plantation General Hospital to pick up a customer named "Smith". When the Yellow Cab driver picked Smith up from the main entrance of the hospital, Smith requested to be taken to the listed location. Upon arriving at the final destination, Smith told the driver that he was armed and demanded the driver to give him all of his personal belongings. The driver immediately alerted Smith to the security camera inside the cab and he continued to yell demands at the driver as he reached towards his waistband.

The driver feared for life and complied with the suspect's demands. The suspect took the driver's GPS, iPhone and an undisclosed amount of cash and fled from the cab.

The suspect was last seen running in a westerly direction past the 1300 block of Northwest 7<sup>th</sup> Street.

The suspect is described as a B/M, in his 30's, approximately 5'11" in height, 200 pounds in weight, short haircut, and clean shaven.

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

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