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ILLEGAL DENTISTRY ARREST

On January 8, 2013 the Fort Lauderdale Police Department responded to the battery of an elderly male. The battery took place at 1430 Northeast 62nd Street in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

When officers arrived on-scene they observed an elderly man lying on the ground. The victim informed officers that he has been receiving dental implants from the resident and another unknown male. Since receiving these dental procedures he has been experiencing complications.

When the victim approached the suspect, requesting a refund, the suspect became enraged and the victim's walking device broke, causing him to fall to the ground. Both suspects fled from the area prior to the officers arriving on-scene.

While the officers were tending to the victim, one of the suspects returned and was identified as Jong Chull Lee, W/M, 4/28/57, a Fort Lauderdale resident.

Investigators learned that Lee is not licensed in the State of Florida, nor is he registered to work from his residence.

On January 11, 2013, Lee was taken into custody and charged with the following;

- (1) Count of Practicing Dentistry While Not Licensed
- (1) Count of Operating a Non-registered Dental Laboratory

This is an on-going and joint investigation with the Fort Lauderdale Police Department, Economic Crimes Unit and the State Department of Health. Investigators are urging anyone who may have had contact with Lee or have information regarding this investigation to contact Detective Erik Kirtman at 954-828-6070

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