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**FLPD RESPONSE
TO VIRAL VIDEO**

UPDATE 08/04/13:

On August 2nd, Violent Crimes Detectives were contacted by Coelho. Coelho provided a full report of the incident and positively identified the bouncers from Dirty Blondes.

The bouncer who committed the aggravated battery was identified as Arnald Thomas-Darrah, B/M, 10/19/82, a resident of the City of Oakland Park.

Fort Lauderdale Police Department Violent Crimes Detectives, with the assistance of Broward Sheriff's Office, located Thomas-Darrah at his residence in Oakland Park.

Thomas-Darrah was taken into custody and charged with (1) one count of Felony Battery.

The other bouncer involved in this incident, committed a misdemeanor battery, and has been identified as Jovan Ralfhel Dean, B/M, 05/01/78. Misdemeanor battery charges on Dean will be filed by David Parker with the State Attorney's Office.

ORIGINAL 07/30/13:

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is aware of the short clip that has been circulating via YouTube and social media, and we are looking into the details surrounding this incident.

At this time, there have been no reports filed with this agency depicting the incident that was captured on this video. The agency encourages both of the individuals arrested to come forward and file police reports regarding the altercation that took place prior to officers' arrival.

Incidents received by this agency will be given the professional and thorough attention that is deemed necessary.

The aforementioned 15 second video is both disturbing and extremely short. Due to the nature of this situation, Violent Crimes Detectives have initiated contact with the victim, Alexander Coelho, and his attorney, Christopher M. Mijares. Mr. Mijares advised detectives that although Mr. Coelho has yet to file an official police report, he is expected to do so.

This incident will remain an open case and charges are pending the victim's official police report and desire to prosecute.

Anyone with further information or additional video surveillance of the incident is encouraged to contact Detective Orlando Almanzar at 954-828-5546.

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