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**DETECTIVES ADD
SMARTWATER CSI
TO THEIR TOOL BELT**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department noticed an increase in vehicle burglaries in the area of Northwest 7th Avenue and West Sunrise Boulevard in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

In response to this increase, detectives assigned to the Burglary Investigation Suppression Team of the Criminal Investigations Division equipped a decoy vehicle with a laptop marked with SmartWater CSI.

On Thursday, December 12, 2013, detectives parked the decoy vehicle at the BP gas station located at 701 West Sunrise Boulevard in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

While detectives conducted surveillance on the decoy vehicle, they observed three suspects walking near the vehicle. The detectives then observed one of the three suspects walk up to the vehicle, open the passenger door and remove the laptop from the back seat of the vehicle.

All three suspects fled southbound across Sunrise Boulevard. The suspects were taken into custody in the 900 block of Northwest 7th Terrace in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The suspect who was observed burglarizing the decoy vehicle has been identified as Ymari Dowdell, B/M, 01/10/97, a resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The two other suspects were identified as Alton D. Roberts, B/M, 10/26/90 and an unidentified juvenile, who both reside in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Detectives utilized a black light to detect the presence of SmartWater CSI on the recovered laptop, and confirmed that it was the laptop which was stolen from the decoy vehicle.

Dowdell was arrested and charged with one (1) count of Burglary Conveyance Unoccupied. A records check of Roberts produced an active warrant for Robbery.

The unidentified juvenile was not charged in this incident and was released to his guardian.

Anyone with information regarding incidents in this area should contact Detective Lauren Dukauskas at 954-828-6357.

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