

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ROBBERY SUSPECT SOUGHT PREY VIA CRAIGSLIST

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an Armed Robbery that occurred on Sunday, February 9th at approximately 12:48 P.M. The incident occurred at the Mobil Gas Station located at 1565 West Sunrise Boulevard in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The suspect posted an advertisement on www.craigslist.com for the sale of an iPhone. The victim responded to the ad and set up a meeting location with the suspect.

Both parties agreed to meet at the Mobil Gas Station and when the suspect handed the victim an iPhone box, the victim requested to inspect the inside of the box prior to handing the suspect the money. The suspect responded by brandishing a firearm and demanding the victim to hand him \$400.00 of US currency.

The victim feared for his life and complied with the suspect's demands.

Detectives investigating this incident, discovered an additional post on the same site, with the same telephone number as the one that victim reportedly used to coordinate meeting the suspect.

A Violent Crimes Unit Detective posed as a potential customer and arranged to meet the suspect at the same gas station to purchase two iPhones. As the suspect approached the undercover detective, additional detectives from the Violent Crimes Unit and Special Investigations Division orchestrated an operation to safely take the suspect into custody.

The suspect fled on foot from the area and was apprehended by members of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's K-9 Apprehension Unit.

The suspect has been identified as Keith V. Bray, B/M, 03/16/78, a resident of the City of Lauderhill.

Bray was charged with one count of Robbery with a Firearm, one count of Robbery without a Firearm, one count of Resisting Arrest without Violence, and one count of Carrying an Electronic Weapon or Device.

Anyone with further information regarding this or other similar armed robberies should contact Detective Jason Wood at 954-828-5344.

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