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ARMED ROBBERY
SUSPECT ARRESTED

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a string of armed robberies that began on Wednesday, March 26th at approximately 11:47 P.M.

The first incident occurred in the 2100 block of Southeast 10th Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale. The suspect approached a female victim while she was exiting her vehicle and pointed a handgun at the back of her head. The suspect demanded the victim to return to her vehicle and drive him to a nearby Bank of America. The suspect then demanded the victim to withdraw funds from the ATM. The armed suspect then ordered the victim to drive to another Bank of America located at 3030 West Davie Boulevard in the City of Fort Lauderdale. When the ATM at this location would not allow the victim to withdraw funds, the suspect told the victim that he was going to "rob her house" and ordered her to drive to her residence.

While the victim complied with the armed suspect's orders, the suspect observed a red sports car in the parking lot of the Outback Steakhouse located at 1801 Southeast 10th Avenue. The suspect then ordered the victim to follow this vehicle. The victim in fear for her safety complied with the suspect's demands and followed the vehicle to a parking lot at 3049 Alhambra Street in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

When the victim parked her vehicle near this parking lot, the suspect ordered the victim out of the vehicle and concealed his handgun in his waistband. The suspect then grabbed the victim's hand, demanding that she help him rob the occupants of the red sports car. The suspect became upset with the victim's unwillingness to cooperate and let go of her hand, and the victim ran away.

The armed suspect approached the couple, who exited the red sport car, and demanded the male occupant's wallet. The suspect pointed the handgun in the direction of male and his female passenger, demanding their personal belongings. The suspect became frustrated when the occupants did not immediately comply with his suspect's demands.

The suspect then ran back to the original victim's unoccupied vehicle and fled from the area.

A Fort Lauderdale Police Officer observed the suspect operating the victim's vehicle in the area of the 300 block of East Las Olas Boulevard. When officers attempted to conduct a traffic stop of the vehicle, the suspect refused to stop and fled westbound on Las Olas Boulevard. The suspect loss control of the vehicle and struck a fence in the 400 block of Southwest 26th Street in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The suspects has been identified as Jeffery Alexander Turcotte, W/M, 02/27/95, a City of Fort Lauderdale resident.

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Turcotte was taken into custody and charged with the following;

- (3) Counts of Armed Robbery with a Firearm
- (1) Count of Armed Kidnapping
- (1) Count of Grand Theft Auto
- (1) Count of Fleeing and Eluding Law Enforcement Officer
- (1) Count of Operating a Motor Vehicle without a Valid Driver License

This is an active and on-going investigation.

The identification of the victims involved in these incidents will not be released at this time.

Anyone with further information regarding these armed robberies should contact Detective Justin Moody at 954-828-4018.

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