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PRESS RELEASE

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**FLPD ATTEMPTING  
TO IDENTIFY  
ARMED ROBBERY SUSPECT**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a string of armed robberies that began on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at approximately 9:45 A.M.

The first incident occurred at the First United Methodist Church located at 101 Southeast 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale. An armed male suspect approached a female victim as she was returning to her vehicle in the parking lot. The suspect pointed a large knife at her chest and demanded the victim's purse. The victim complied with the armed suspect's demands and relinquished her purse. He then ordered her to lie down on the ground under her vehicle.

The suspect was last seen running through the parking lot to a nearby vehicle. The suspect occupied that vehicle and fled from the area, eastbound on Southeast 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

The suspect is described as a B/M, in his 20's or 30's, approximately 5' 10" in height, thin build with a short cropped haircut. The suspect was last seen wearing a white sleeveless shirt and dark shorts. The suspect's vehicle is being described as an older model sedan.

In addition to the above incident, detectives are investigating a similar incident that took place on Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at approximately 9:10 A.M. in the 600 block of Southeast 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. This armed robbery involved a different female victim and the suspect was also armed with a large knife.

In both incidents, the victims provided many of the same details and a similar description of the armed suspect.

Anyone with further information regarding these armed robberies should contact Detective Todd Hill at 954-828-5567 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



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