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FLPD DETECTIVES HOLD SEXUAL OFFENDERS ACCOUNTABLE

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department identified a significant increase in sexual offenders who are registered as transient and using the address range of 2600 to 2800 blocks of North Federal Highway in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Although some of these offenders are documented and confirmed to be transient, further investigation revealed that others are not.

In July of 2014, detectives from the Department's Career Criminal Unit received information that alleged a sexual offender identified as Edward Milner, W/M, 04/13/67 was registered as transient with the address of 2600-2800 North Federal Highway and residing at a different location.

Detectives conducted an investigation that established Milner was not transient and was a verified resident of 715 Northwest 18th Street in the City of Fort Lauderdale. Milner is currently on probation for larceny and being monitored with a GPS monitoring device. The investigation included an examination of his GPS monitoring history, records of paid rent bills and witness statements to confirm his true residence.

Detectives located Milner at his residence, which is located within1,400 feet of South Middle River Park and in the vicinity of over twenty-five (25) school bus stops. City of Fort Lauderdale Ordinance prohibits Milner from living at the aforementioned location due to the close proximity to the school bus stops and the park.

Milner was taken into custody and charged with the following;

- > One Count of Failure to Register as a Sex Offender- DHSMV
- One Count of VOP- Grand Theft & Theft of victim over 65yrs old
- > One Count of Sexual Offender Residence Prohibition (Municipal Ordinance)

Detectives will continue to work alongside probation officers to conduct the necessary verifications to assure that offenders are properly and lawfully registered within the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Anyone with information of other sexual offenders who are believed to be in violation should contact Detective Brian Kaplan at 954-828-5353.