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**MAN ARRESTED FOR
AGGRAVATED STALKING
OF A POLICE OFFICER**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating the aggravated stalking of a police officer. This investigation began back in June of 2014, when the Fort Lauderdale Police Department was made aware of threats that an individual was placing on members of law enforcement, in particular police officers within our agency.

The suspect in this case has been identified as Michael Osburn, W/M, 09/07/69, a resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

On June 21st, the suspect posted threats to all members of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department via his Facebook account. Examples of those threats can be seen below:



Detectives conducted surveillance of Osburn's behavior over the course of several weeks and due to numerous threats to harm himself, police officers and others, Osburn was taken into custody and Baker Acted on June 26th.

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A detective, assigned to the Special Investigations Division and Homeland Security, was tasked with conducting routine status checks on Osburn's condition while he was in the custody and care of Broward Health Medical Center.

In July of 2014, Broward Health Medical Center personnel deemed that Osburn was stable enough to be released. When Osburn was released, he was mistakenly provided with this undercover detective's identification and personal cell phone number.

On July 14th, Osburn caused a disturbance inside the Fort Lauderdale Police Department Records Division. On several other occasions, Osburn was documented loitering on the property of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. Officers made contact with Osburn and trespass warned him from the property unless he had official business to conduct. Official business was described to Osburn as; filing a police report, requesting a public record, fingerprint services, etc.

On August 12th, Osburn began to consistently harass the aforementioned detective. Osburn sent close to (30) thirty text messages, varying in hostility, threatening the detective and his family's well-being. Several of his statements depicted his acute capabilities of locating the detective and his family for the purpose of inflicting harm. When this detective repeatedly asked Osburn to cease the text messages and contact, he refused.

Osburn responded to the detective's request by posting additional volatile threats directed towards him and other members of law enforcement, via social media and other internet outlets.

Members of the Fort Lauderdale Police Department made several attempts to address Osburn's frustrations with law enforcement and to offer various forms of assistance, all of which received negative results.

On October 2nd, at approximately 8:45 A.M., Osburn was taken into custody and charged with the following;

- One Count of Aggravated Stalking
- One Count of Written Threats to Do Harm
- One Count of Resisting without Violence

This is an active and on-going investigation.

Further charges are pending the outcome of a forensic examination of Osburn's electronic devices.

Anyone who may have information about this investigation should contact Detective Dustin Miller at 954-828-6621 or the Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-8477(TIPS).

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