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PRESS RELEASE

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**ARMED ROBBERY  
OF A BUSINESS**

**\*Surveillance footage:** <http://youtu.be/eJczX3eBnig>

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an Armed Robbery that occurred on Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> at approximately 6:20 A.M. The incident occurred at The Westin Hotel located at 321 North Fort Lauderdale Beach Boulevard in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The suspect entered the business approximately one hour prior to the incident requesting change from the front desk clerk. The suspect then approached the front desk clerk again, brandishing a black handgun and pointed it directly at the clerk. The armed suspect demanded the U.S. currency from the register. The clerk in fear for his life complied with the armed suspect's demands and handed him an undisclosed amount of U.S. currency in a blue bank bag. As the armed suspect was exiting the hotel he pointed the handgun directly at a second employee instructing them to walk away.

The suspect is being described as a dark skinned black male, large build, approximately 6'3" in height, full beard, wearing a hooded sweatshirt, and grey sweatpants.

Detectives are urging anyone with further information regarding this robbery or the identity of the suspect to contact Detective Richard Rivera at 954- 828-6355 or the Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS (8477).



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