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AGGRAVATED BATTERY
ARREST

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an aggravated battery that occurred on Monday, March 1st at approximately 5:00 P.M. The incident took place in the 200 block of Seabreeze Boulevard in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the victim and suspect, both homeless, were involved in a verbal altercation regarding the victim's bicycle. The altercation turned physical when the suspect attempted to stab the victim with a pair of scissors. The suspect struck the victim in his chest. The victim then produced a knife, subsequently stabbing the suspect in his abdomen.

Both parties were transported to Broward General Medical Center where they were treated for their injuries. The suspect and victim are currently in stable condition. The victim has been identified as Errol Phillips, B/M, 08/03/46.

The suspect has been identified as Brian Trala, W/M, 02/02/64. Trala has been charged with Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon.

This is an active and on-going investigation. Anyone with further information regarding this incident should contact The Fort Lauderdale Police Department Violent Crimes Unit at 954-828-5508.

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