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PRESS RELEASE

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**ARMED CARJACKING
SUSPECT
ARRESTED**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an armed carjacking that occurred on Thursday, April 27th at approximately 2:17 P.M. The incident occurred at 1600 South Andrews Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that the suspect approached a male victim from behind, grabbing his shoulder while implying that he had a gun. The victim, in fear for his safety, ran away, escaping the suspect and notified police.

Moments later the suspect approached two female victims who were exiting their vehicle. The suspect again implied that he had a gun by holding his hand under his shirt and demanded the victim's cell phones and car keys. The suspect fled the area in the victim's Nissan Armada SUV.

Fort Lauderdale Patrol Officers observed a vehicle matching the description of the victim's vehicle that was stolen during the carjacking. A subsequent records check confirmed this to be the victim's vehicle. The suspect refused to stop the vehicle, fleeing from police, disobeying numerous traffic laws and initiating a police pursuit.

The suspect exited the vehicle and attempted to flee the area on foot in the 6200 block of North Andrews Avenue where he was located and taken into custody by Fort Lauderdale Police Officers.

The suspect has been identified as Ryan Pearson, W/M, 05/31/85, a resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale. Pearson has been charged with the following;

- Armed Carjacking
- Fleeing Eluding

Anyone with information in regards to this incident is encouraged to contact the Fort Lauderdale Police Department at 954-764-HELP (4357).

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