Detective Kenneth Giles
Public Information Officer
(954) 828-5464
KGiles@fortlauderdale.gov

CITY OF
FORT LAUDERDALE
POLICE DEPARTMENT
PRESS RELEASE

May 25, 2017

FLPD ARREST BURGLARY SUSPECT WHO BATTERED VICTIM

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating the burglary of a residence during which the suspect attacked and battered the victim. The incident occurred on Wednesday, May 17th, at approximately 9:18 A.M. at the victim's residence in the 1100 block of Southwest 19th Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

After returning to his residence, the homeowner realized that his home had been broken into. He entered and armed himself with a knife for protection. While he was checking his home, he located the suspect and confronted him. The suspect attacked the homeowner, ripping his phone from his grasp, in an effort to prevent him from calling 911.

During the struggle the suspect attempted to disarm the homeowner, causing a laceration on the homeowner's hand that required several stiches. The physical altercation escalated and the suspect placed the homeowner in a choke hold. The homeowner, in fear for his life, stabbed the suspect in the leg; in an effort to break his hold and escape. Subsequently, the suspect armed himself with a broomstick and began striking the homeowner with it before fleeing the residence.

Responding officers were able to obtain valuable fingerprints from the broomstick, which the suspect left at the scene. With these prints and the collaborative efforts of the FLPD Fingerprint Unit, Criminal Investigations Property Crimes Detectives and Rapid Offender Control Detectives, the suspect, Darrell Rice, B/M, 09/19/1983 a City of Fort Lauderdale resident, was identified.

On Thursday, May 18th Rice was taken into custody and charged with the following:
- Burglary with a Battery
- Aggravated Battery on a person 65 y.o.a. or greater
- Hindering Communication with Law Enforcement

Anyone with further information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Detective T. DeGeorge at 954-828-6551.

###