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PRESS RELEASE

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**FLPD ARREST**  
**AGGRAVATED BATTERY**  
**SUSPECT**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an aggravated battery that occurred on September 27<sup>th</sup> at approximately 10:00 P.M. The incident occurred in the 6200 block of Northwest 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the victim and suspect met in attempt to resolve their dispute in regards to the transaction of an aircraft. Both parties were traveling together inside an Uber vehicle when a verbal dispute became physical. The suspect started to violently punch the victim several times in the face, head and neck.

The victim in fear for his safety attempted to flee the vehicle. The suspect exited the vehicle to pursue the victim and continued to strike him in the face. The suspect fled the area, leaving the victim lying on the ground with several bruises and swelling to his face. The victim was transported to the hospital with serious head trauma and required reconstructive dental surgery.

The victim has been identified as Charles Diaz, W/M, 07/20/1977, a City of Pompano Beach resident.

Detectives identified the suspect as Robert James Loew, W/M, 01/15/1973, a City of Fort Pierce resident.

On Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup> Fort Lauderdale Police Career Criminal Unit took Loew into custody with the assistance of The Fort Pierce Police Department.

Anyone with additional information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Detective Eric Kirtman at 954-828-6070.

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