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**FLPD ARRESTS FRAUD
SUSPECT ON MULTIPLE
FELONY COUNTS**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a case of fraud that occurred on Saturday, May 20, 2017, in the 6400 block of North Andrews Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The victim informed officers that her purse was taken in an unreported burglary from her vehicle in downtown Fort Lauderdale, earlier that morning.

Throughout the day, on Saturday, the victim received notifications that her credit cards were being used at various locations for purchases totaling approximately \$700. Sometime after 6:00 P.M. she was notified of a purchase at Regal Cinemas, 6415 N Andrews Avenue, in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

The victim drove to the theater and made contact with the manager. Together, the victim and the manager reviewed surveillance video and observed the suspect using the victim's card to purchase a movie ticket at a self-serve kiosk inside of the theater. The manager informed the victim that the ticket purchased was for a film that was still showing.

The victim contacted FLPD, who responded and found the suspect in possession of the victim's credit card used to purchase the ticket, as well as several other cards belonging to the victim. The suspect, Roumel Josaphat, B/M, 11/28/1977, a City of Pompano Beach resident, was arrested and charged with possession and use of a stolen credit card.

The following morning at approximately 3:25 A.M. officers observed a single vehicle left in the parking lot of the Regal Cinemas after closing. A records check revealed that the vehicle was registered to the suspect.

Officers, being aware of the earlier incident, were able to observe a purse inside of the vehicle matching the description of the victim's purse. The victim was then contacted, responded to the location, and made a positive identification of her belongings.

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During the course of the investigation, Economic Crimes Unit Detectives developed probable cause after discovering several additional stolen items inside of Josaphat's vehicle. On Monday, June 5th, 2017, Josaphat arrived at FLPD headquarters to retrieve his vehicle; which was impounded from the theater parking lot, where he was taken into custody.

Josaphat has been charged with the following:

- Possess stolen credit card (15 counts)
- Criminal use of ID
- Possess stolen ID (2 counts)

This investigation is ongoing, and anyone with additional information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Detective Jesse Gossman at 954-828-6089.

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