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FELONY LANE SUSPECT CAPTURED ON VIDEO (Police Need to ID Suspect)

** Excellent quality surveillance video is available

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is requesting help from the public in identifying a felony lane suspect who tried to drain a victim's bank account shortly after the victim was robbed at gunpoint.

According to detectives, on August 10, 2008 at approximately 2:30am a male and female victim were robbed at gunpoint while they were walking along East Las Olas Boulevard in the 500 block. The suspects robbed the couple of their money, credit cards and personal items.

The following day at Eastern Financial Bank in Hollywood, surveillance video captured a female suspect impersonating the robbery victim as she attempted to withdraw money from the victim's bank account. The bank employees grew suspicious and refused to complete the transaction. They called the police and later learned of the connection between the fraud and the robbery.

Detectives are confident that the female suspect in the video will be identified. Anyone with information regarding these crimes is encouraged to contact Detective Darian Burkholder at 954-828-5101.

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