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TAXI CAB DRIVER BEATEN (Update)

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The three suspects in the attack of the taxi cab driver have been identified and are cooperating with detectives. The investigation is continuing and we will advise of any updates when they come available.

Original Release:

On August 12, 2008 at approximately 2:00am, cab driver Juan Martin and another fare/witness, Boubker Gour, picked up three men, in a parking lot and proceeded to drive away. The men requested they stop at a Subway Restaurant, which he did, and after they received their food, Martin drove them away in the cab.

While driving in the 4000 block of North Ocean Boulevard, the three men became irate and belligerent, which began to concern Martin. After several threats were made, Gour fled from the cab and Martin attempted to follow. He was unsuccessful as the three men attacked Martin by punching him and kicking him while he was down on the ground. After the attack, the three men fled on foot towards the beach and were not captured.



Suspect #1- w/m, 5'10", 30's – 40's, thinning hair and a bald spot in the back, wearing a dark blue shirt. **Suspect #2**- w/m, 30's – 40's, 6'4", 210#, wearing white t-shirt with image on it and a green "NY Yankees" baseball cap.



<u>Suspect #3-</u> w/m, 5'9" - 5'11", dark wavy hair, 30's - 40's, wearing a pinkish t-shirt with blue writing or pattern and a blue visor.

Juan Martin sustained significant injuries to his ankle. Anyone with information as to the identity of the suspects is encouraged to contact Violent Crimes Detective Amy Hoover at 954-828-5914 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.