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**FLPD APPREHEND SEVEN IN
STRING OF ROBBERIES**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department has apprehended seven suspects in connection with several robberies that occurred in other jurisdictions in the early morning.

On July 16, 2008 at approximately 2:00am, Fort Lauderdale officers received a BOLO, (Be On the Look Out), for seven suspects driving a blue Ford Expedition. They reportedly robbed individuals in the Coral Springs and Lauderhill areas.

At approximately 2:30am, Fort Lauderdale Officer Paul Brown spotted a vehicle matching the suspect and vehicle description in the 400 block of W. Broward Boulevard. He detained the occupants and alerted the police agency where the robberies took place. The victims of the crimes arrived on scene and positively identified the occupants as those that committed the robberies earlier.

The following individuals were detained and subsequently charged by Coral Springs Police Department and Lauderhill Police Department:

Nicholas Szczepanik W/M 12/07/89, Joshua Obiel B/M 7/2/88, Emanuel Prevali B/M 12/6/89, Warren Day B/M 5/20/89, Demetrius Hutchins B/M 12/31/89, Fredrick Mertil B/M 5/22/89 and Antoine Robinson B/M 12/9/89.

Further charges may be pending in Plantation and Sunrise.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is encouraged to contact the police department or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.

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