

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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FLPD ATTEMPTING TO IDENTIFY CAR THIEF AFTER HE STEALS A CAR WITH A BABY INSIDE

<u>UPDATE 4.5.18</u>: Detectives have identified the suspect as Terrance Thorpe, Jr., B/M, 02/15/2002, a resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Thorpe was recognized from the images shown by the media and was turned in to Detectives on the evening of April 4th.

Thorpe has been charged with Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle and Desertion of a Child.

<u>ORIGINAL 4.4.18</u>: The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is actively investigating an auto theft that occurred at approximately 11:00 A.M. on April 4 in the 2400 block of Northwest 26th Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation has revealed the vehicle was left running with a one year old girl inside when the suspect jumped in and drove away. A short time later, the vehicle was recovered at the intersection of Northwest 19th Street and Northwest 24th Avenue. The child was still inside the vehicle and was unharmed.

Detectives are requesting assistance from the public to identify the suspect, who is described as a black male, approximately 18 to 22 years old, approximately 5'8" to 5'9" and weighing approximately 135 to 145 pounds. He was last seen wearing a white shirt, white shorts, white hat, and slides.



Anyone with information about this incident or who may be able to identify the suspect is encouraged to contact Detective Tiana DeGeorge at 954-828-6551 or Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS (8477).