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FORT LAUDERDALE
CITY EMPLOYEES
ARRESTED

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department arrested two Fort Lauderdale Bulk Trash Division employees, Thursday, April 12th, at approximately 8:00 A.M. The arrest was the result of an investigation into grand theft and bribery by the Special Investigation Unit.

The investigation was initiated when the City of Fort Lauderdale notified the police department of their discovery. On several separate occasions the city employees accepted payment from city residents for the removal of bulk trash, that exceeded the city's limit, for their own use rather than turning it over to the city.

The investigation was focused on former city employees; Liel Hilaire, B/M, 4/24/1974, a resident of the City of Pembroke Pines and Roudy Ambroise, B/M, 6/11/1967, a resident of the City of Tamarac.

Hilaire and Ambroise were both employed with the City of Fort Lauderdale during the time these crimes were committed.

"The behavior exhibited by those involved in this incident is unacceptable. It violates the trust we place in our workforce; it damages the bonds we have established with our neighbors; and it undermines the standards to which each and every City employee is held accountable," said Fort Lauderdale City Manager Lee Feldman. "I commend our Parks and Recreation staff and our Police Department for their quick and decisive response to effectively address this situation. Our collective actions are a clear reminder that we have zero tolerance for this type of behavior in the City of Fort Lauderdale."

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department reminds neighbors that, at no time, should anyone be providing cash payments directly to a City employee or a contractor in the field for the collection of trash, bulk trash, and recycling or yard waste. Anyone involved in or witnessing this type of transaction should report it immediately to the Fort Lauderdale Police Department at 954-828-5700.

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