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## CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## **BURGLARY SUSPECT IDENTIFIED VIA** 'NEIGHBORS' BY RING

**UPDATE 7.16.18:** The Fort Lauderdale Police Department has once again arrested Jerry Hickman for stealing packages.

Hickman was initially arrested on June 16th after being identified via Ring doorbell video footage. He was charged with two counts of burglary and was released on bond. Additional charges were pending at the time of the first arrest.

On July 12th, Fort Lauderdale Property Crimes detectives discovered additional video showing Hickman stealing packages from doorsteps of homes also located in the Tarpon River Neighborhood in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Hickman is now facing three new counts of residential burglary.

LINK: https://youtu.be/AgKtIn\_IXgo



Hickman Booking Photo 07.12.18

ORIGINAL 6.28.18: The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating residential burglaries that have occurred over the past several weeks. The burglaries occurred in the area of Tarpon River Neighborhood in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that the suspect would approach each residence on foot that had packages delivered by the front door or left on the front porch. The suspect then carried the packages, containing various products ordered by the homeowner, away from the property.

Several of the residents that were targeted in this area equipped their homes with the Ring Video Doorbell and participate in the Neighbors by Ring application.

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Fort Lauderdale Property Crimes Detectives identified the burglary suspect via the Ring doorbell video footage provided to them by the homeowners.

The suspect has been identified as Jerry W Hickman, W/M, 8/25/75, a resident of the City of Fort Lauderdale.

On June 16<sup>th</sup> patrol officers located Hickman and placed him into custody. Hickman was charged with two counts of residential burglary. Additional charges are pending the outcome of this investigation.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department encourages our neighbors to download the Neighbors application (iOS/Android), join their neighborhood and discover the power that can emerge from combining neighbors, cameras and the Fort Lauderdale Police Department. Visit <a href="https://www.flpd.org/ring">www.flpd.org/ring</a> to learn how to download the Neighbors app by Ring.



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