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PRESS RELEASE

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**SUSPECT ARRESTED**  
**CHARGED WITH**  
**STRING OF VEHICLE**  
**BURGLARIES**

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department's Rapid Offender Control Unit and Property Crimes Detectives investigated numerous vehicle burglaries during the month of July 2018. The string of vehicle burglaries occurred in the areas of Rio Vista and Harbor Inlet located in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

While committing these burglaries the suspect located a handgun inside one of the vehicles and became armed. The suspect would later steal a vehicle that he was burglarizing after locating the key fob inside the vehicle.

After their lengthy investigation detectives were able to identify the suspect responsible for the numerous vehicle burglaries.

The suspect has been identified as Cornelius Watson, B/M, 03/15/1997, a resident of the City of Lauderhill.

On August 26<sup>th</sup>, Watson was apprehended by Patrol and K9 Officers during the commission of a burglary to a boathouse located in the Harbor Inlet area.

Watson has been charged with the following;

- 7 counts of Armed Burglary Conveyance
- 4 counts of Burglary Conveyance
- Grand Theft of a Firearm
- Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon
- Grand Theft Auto

Additional charges may be pending the outcome of this investigation.

Anyone with information regarding these burglaries is encouraged to contact Detective Dukauskas at 954-828-4900.

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