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**ROBBERY OF A
DIAMOND BROKER
(Loss estimated at \$500,000)**

At approximately 5:45pm, Fort Lauderdale police officers responded to the 1900 block of East Sunrise Boulevard regarding a robbery of a person.

While en route to the scene, a Be-On-the-Look-Out (BOLO) was transmitted city-wide for three white, possibly Hispanic, males in a white mini-van. A search of the area revealed negative results.

A preliminary investigation revealed the victim, 34 year old Robert Nissim, a resident of Great Neck, NY, had arrived at Miami International Airport and rented a vehicle to travel to certain locations in South Florida. Nissim, a diamond broker, went store to store in hopes of selling diamonds to local jewelry stores.

At 5:45, Nissim arrived at the shopping plaza and parked his vehicle when he was approached by suspect #1 who smashed the driver's-side window. He grabbed the victim through the window and began pulling at his jacket's inner pocket. Suspect #2 then smashed the passenger side window and grabbed the victim, pulling at him as well. The suspects demanded, "Give it up", and the victim complied, handing over a pouch of diamonds he had on his person.

The duo then demanded the remaining jewelry which was located in the vehicle trunk. Again, the victim complied and turned over a back pack of jewelry. The loss is estimated at \$500,000 and the victim was no seriously injured.

The suspects fled in a white, older model mini-van, possibly a Ford Windstar or Dodge Caravan. Suspect #3 was the getaway driver who fled the scene south from the area.

Anyone with information as to the identity of these robbers is encouraged to contact Fort Lauderdale Violent Crimes Detective Jason Wood at 954-828-5344 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.

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