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HOMICIDE OF A TEEN
(Vehicle is the Weapon)

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is requesting help from the public in identifying the person responsible for intentionally striking a 17-year-old male with a vehicle, subsequently causing his death.

On Thursday, March 20, 2008 at approximately 9:20pm, Rodgers was walking down Vermont Avenue in the 200 block of Melrose Park. A vehicle approached from the south, turned off the headlights and accelerated directly at Rodgers. The vehicle, described as a white, newer mid-sized model with dark window tint, struck Rodgers and drove off. Rodgers was transported to Plantation General Medical Center by friends who were coincidentally driving by. Rodgers was later transferred to Broward General Medical Center and subsequently died on Sunday, March 23, 2008.

The Broward County Medical Center performed an autopsy and determined the cause of death to be blunt force trauma with the manner of death Homicide.

Detectives are looking into the possible motive as ongoing problems between juveniles from Melrose Park and juveniles that live in neighborhoods just north of W. Broward Boulevard.

Anyone with information regarding this Homicide is encouraged to contact Detective John Curcio at 954-828-5529 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



Lurnard Rodgers
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