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AGGRAVATED BATTERY

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Update 2:

Preliminary information has revealed that this appears to be a homeless on homeless attack. Detectives are still gathering evidence and are waiting to speak with Williams. We still are encouraging anyone who may have witnessed this attack or anyone who may know the identity(s) of the attacker to please contact the police department.

Update:

The victim has been identified as Leander Williams, B/M, 08/27/1939. Mr. Williams is still at Broward General Medical Center and is heavily sedated from his surgery; as a result of this detectives are still unable to speak with him.

Original Release:

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an Aggravated Battery that occurred on Sunday, February 24, 2008, at approximately 12:48 P.M. The location of this incident occurred at 526 Northwest 9 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

An anonymous caller, who was passing by the area, called the police and alerted us that she had found a black male, who had injuries and was bleeding. The victim appears to be a homeless male. Police and EMS personnel discovered the victim on the ground in an empty lot, which was set back off of the road. The injury may have been caused by a rock.

The victim was trauma alerted to Broward General Medical Center where he underwent surgery for head injuries. The victim is out of surgery and is currently in stable condition. The victim suffered a fractured skull, but is expected to live.

Police are encouraging anyone who may have witnessed this attack or anyone that has information on the suspect(s) to please contact Fort Lauderdale Police Detective Jason Wood at 954-828-5344 or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



Leander Williams
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