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PRESS RELEASE

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POLICE INVOLVED
SHOOTING
(Suspect Armed with Firearm)

ORIGINAL RELEASE:

On February 6, 2008, at approximately 5:51 P.M., the Fort Lauderdale Police were conducting an operation at 5001 North Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale, Florida. This operation was being conducted by members of our Special Investigation Division.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that shots were fired inside of the parking lot. We can confirm that we do have an unidentified male on-scene, which is deceased. There were no injuries to any of the police department personnel.

This investigation is on-going at this time. Anyone with information on this shooting is encouraged to contact Detective Mark Shotwell at 954-828-5517.

The deceased male at the scene has been identified as Mark J. Ronan, 5/30/1987. His address on record indicates he is a Pompano Beach resident.

UPDATE:

Although the investigation is continuing, some details concerning the shooting have been obtained. Detectives have learned that on the day of the shooting, Ronan met with an undercover officer to engage in a narcotics transaction. As the transaction was taking place, Ronan produced a firearm and pointed it at the undercover detective. Moments later shots were fired, Ronan was struck and subsequently died from his injuries. It should be noted that the incident was captured on video.

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