

## FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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## ATTEMPTED SEXUAL BATTERY

Link to surveillance video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YoU9IOQ63Vo

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an attempted sexual battery that occurred this afternoon, at approximately 3:14 p.m., at Angel Day Spa located at 208 Southeast 12<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

An unknown male suspect knocked on the door to the massage parlor and the female employee answered the door allowing the suspect inside the business. The suspect then walked into the lobby of the business, inquired about prices and exposed himself to the victim. The victim ran to retrieve a phone to call 9-1-1 and the suspect chased her. The victim then ran back towards the front of the business in a second attempt to get away from the suspect and he cornered her. Once cornered, the suspect grabbed the victim, threw her to the ground and attempted to sexually batter her. The victim continuously screamed for help as she struggled to free herself from the suspect. Ultimately, the suspect stopped the attack and fled from the business in a southwesterly direction.

The business was equipped with surveillance cameras, which captured the entire incident. Detectives are gathering footage from area businesses in an attempt to determine the suspect's method of travel and capture an image of the suspect without a mask covering his face.

The suspect is described as a white male, 25 - 35 years of age, approximately 5'11", weighing approximately 200 lbs., with dark hair, and a full beard. He was last seen wearing a Marlins Logo New Era black baseball cap, black t-shirt, black Air Jordan sweat pants, black sneakers, and a black mask with white "LV" (Louis Vuitton style) monogram printed throughout.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is seeking the public's assistance in identifying this violent suspect. Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact Detective Sergeant Hector Martinez at 954-828-5510 or Detective Angie Ramirez at 954-828-5531.



(Photos of suspect captured on business surveillance.) ###

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