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ATTEMPTED SEXUAL BATTERY

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

UPDATE 09.30.20

Due to the media coverage of this incident, a member of the community recognized the suspect pictured in the surveillance footage. The suspect was recognized as a past patron of a business located in the City of Dania Beach, Florida. This business was Health and Beauty Spa located at 2980 Griffin Road, Dania Beach, Florida. The surveillance footage at the Health and Beauty Spa captured him entering and exiting the business wearing the same clothing as the day of the Fort Lauderdale incident. Footage also identified the vehicle the suspect was driving and confirmed it was the same vehicle used in both incidents.

While detectives were gathering the above details, they received an additional anonymous tip from a community member who recognized this suspect as someone she knows as "Chris." This anonymous tipster provided detectives with a possible residence for "Chris" in the City of Hollywood, Florida. The suspect was then observed at the apartment complex wearing the same clothing from the original offense. Additionally, the same vehicle used in the incidents was located in the parking lot of this complex.

On September 27, 2020, officers from the Hollywood Police Department conducted a traffic stop of the aforementioned vehicle and identified the driver as Christopher Leonard Devlugt, W/M, 4/25/91. Devlugt was subsequently taken into custody for Driving While License Suspended with Knowledge. While in the custody of Hollywood Police Department, Devlugt advised officers he was aware of the media coverage depicting him as a sexual battery suspect. Fort Lauderdale Police Department Special Victims Unit Detectives were contacted and ultimately took Devlugt into custody for the following charges; two counts of sex assault on a victim over the age of 12.



Christopher Leonard Devlugt
W/M 04.25.91

ORIGINAL 09.05.20

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 12th 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

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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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