

FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT **NEWS RELEASE**

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DETECTIVES SEEK TO IDENTIFY GRAND THEFT SUSPECT

New video: https://youtu.be/oZdwiTYiSIM
Original video: https://youtu.be/SHWYdq9oa0E

<u>UPDATE 8.4.22:</u> The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a grand theft that occurred on Thursday, July 21, 2022. The incident occurred at 915 Middle River Drive in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary information has revealed the suspect entered a restricted office within the business and began using the credit card machine to transfer money to his own credit card. The transactions totaled approximately \$19,000. The suspect then left the business.

After retrieving surveillance video related to this incident, detectives believe the suspect may be the same person as the grand theft incident detailed below from April.

Anyone with information regarding the suspect's identity is asked to contact Detective Jamie Chatman at 954-828-6355 or Detective Ray Ketchmark at 954-828-5628. To provide information anonymously, contact Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS (8477).

ORIGINAL 6.14.22: The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a grand theft that occurred on Friday, April 22, 2022, between 1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The incident occurred at 515 East Las Olas Boulevard in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that an unknown suspect stole the victim's credit cards from his office while he and his business partners were on a conference call. While on the call, the victim noticed an unknown male walking through the office and later confronted him. The unknown male stated he was lost and was looking for another business. A short time later, the victim received a notification from his bank that someone had made a purchase of over \$7,000.00 at Apple.

Video surveillance collected from Apple shows the suspect completing the transactions at the store. The suspect is described as a Black male, in his 40s, approximately 5'9" tall, with long dreadlock style hair and tattoos. The suspect is seen in the video wearing a blue shirt, black shorts, black high socks, black sneakers and carrying a black bag.

Detectives encourage anyone with information about the identity of the involved suspect or information about this incident to contact Detective Jamie Chatman at 954-828-6355. To provide information anonymously, contact Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS (8477).



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(photos of the suspect)

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