

CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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POLICE SHOOTING

Update:

The four deputies that were involved in a police shooting on April 21, 2009 have been identified as Christopher Mazzola, Andrew Carderelli, George Anthony, and Matthew Werder. The investigation into this shooting continues.

Original:

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a police involved shooting that occurred on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at approximately 7:03 P.M. The shooting took place at 317 Southwest 6 Street.

Preliminary investigation has revealed that undercover officers from the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) were at this location conducting an undercover operation. A narcotics transaction was completed between the deceased and members from BSO. Upon moving in for an arrest, the deceased made aggressive and violent attempts to avoid arrest.

Two officers from the Broward Sheriff's Office were struck as the deceased was attempting to get away. One of those officers was placed on the hood of the deceased vehicle. As a result these actions, the officers were forced to react and fired at him. The suspect was pronounced deceased on scene.

The deceased has been identified as Donell M. Miller, B/M, 02/17/1987, and a Fort Lauderdale resident.

At this time the investigation is on-going and will continue. Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



Donell Miller ###