



FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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FLPD SEEKS TO IDENTIFY MAN WANTED FOR KIDNAPPING AND SEXUAL BATTERY

Video: <https://youtu.be/aTjyMKNVyu4>

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating the kidnapping and sexual battery of an adult female that occurred on Saturday, August 12, 2023 in the 100 block of Southwest 3rd Avenue in the City of Fort Lauderdale. The victim has been located; however, detectives need assistance identifying the male suspect involved.

Preliminary information has revealed at approximately 5:19 a.m. on Saturday, a male and female were sitting inside of a vehicle in the parking lot in the 100 block of Southwest 3rd Avenue when they were approached by an unknown black male armed with a gun. The suspect demanded the male victim's property, and at some point during this exchange, the male suspect entered the driver's seat of the vehicle and drove away with the female victim still inside.

While officers were gathering information about the victim and the vehicle, a 911 call was received at approximately 7:30 a.m. by the victim. She was located alone in the vehicle on I-95 near Oakland Park Boulevard. It is believed that at some point, the suspect exited the vehicle prior to the victim entering the driver's seat and driving away. The vehicle then became disabled on southbound I-95.

Detectives have since learned the suspect drove the victim around for approximately two hours stopping at an ATM in an attempt to withdraw cash from her account. During the course of this incident, the suspect also sexually battered the victim. The victim was transported by Fort Lauderdale Fire Rescue to Broward Health Medical Center where she was treated for non-life-threatening injuries and released Saturday afternoon.

The identities of the victims will not be released due to the ongoing investigation.

The suspect is described as a Black male wearing a green t-shirt with light colored lettering on the front and back, ripped acid washed jeans and sneakers with yellow shoestrings. He has short dreads and was wearing a dark colored bucket hat.

If you have any information about this incident, please contact Detective Jennifer Saint Jean at 954-828-5570, Detective Jackie Sanchez at 954-828-5539, or Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS (8477).



(Above photo is photo of suspect)

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