



FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS RELEASE

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FPLD SEEKS TO IDENTIFY ARMED SEXUAL BATTERY SUSPECT

Video: <https://youtu.be/rOVG0xuLVGI>

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating an armed sexual battery that occurred on Tuesday, February 27, 2024, at approximately 2:30 a.m. The incident occurred in the 700 block of Southeast 16th Street in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

Preliminary investigation into this incident has revealed the victim was walking in the area of the 1600 block of South Federal Highway when an unknown suspect began to follow behind her in his vehicle. A short time later, the suspect got out of his vehicle armed with a handgun and approached the victim. The suspect then demanded money from the victim. When the victim refused, the suspect dragged the victim back to his vehicle. While inside of the vehicle, the suspect sexually battered the victim at gunpoint.

Immediately following the incident, the victim was able to get out of the vehicle and ran away from the scene.

Video surveillance obtained as a part of the investigation is linked above. The video shows the suspect vehicle in the area before and after the incident occurred.

The suspect is described as a Hispanic male, in his 20s, who is approximately 5'10", with short dark hair, a clean-shaven face, and a medium build. He was driving a gray Hyundai Sonata, approximately 2018 or 2019 model, with dark tint. He was possibly wearing a white t-shirt with a dark-colored sweater and long dark pants.

Detectives are asking for anyone with information or video surveillance of this incident to contact Detective Sergeant Hector Martinez at 954-828-5510 or Detective Christopher Chylack at 943-828-5535. Information can also be provided anonymously by contacting Broward County Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS (8477).



(sketch of suspect)



(photo of similar car with specific tire rims)

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