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Cross-County Robbery Subjects Arrested

Miami Beach, FL – On March 3 and 4, 2012, the Miami Beach Police Department (MBPD) Robbery Squad arrested three (3) subjects wanted in connection with four (4) armed robberies in the City of Miami Beach, as well as multiple armed robberies on the Hollywood Seminole Reservation and in Indian River County.

On February 29, 2012, the investigation led the Robbery Detectives to Vero Beach, where a stolen credit card had been used, and video surveillance identified the subject vehicle as a 2011 Chevy Malibu owned by Dollar Rent-a-Car. Detectives learned that this same vehicle had been used to commit three (3) separate armed robberies in Indian River County.

On March 2, 2012, City of Lauderhill Police spotted the subject vehicle, and subsequently, made a traffic stop pursuant to an investigative alert from MBPD. The driver of the vehicle, Jurvis Spells, was turned over to MBPD for questioning. Mr. Spells confessed to all ten (10) armed robberies in question, including three (3) armed robberies in Indian River County, three (3) on the Hollywood Seminole Reservation.

During his interview, Mr. Spells identified his two (2) accomplices – Fernel Romain and Aniva Vasquez. Mr. Romain was located in Broward County, and during his interview, he admitted to his involvement in all of the aforementioned cases. Mr. Romain also facilitated the recovery of a firearm, which was reported stolen in the City of Hialeah.

On March 4, 2012, the third subject, Aniva Vasquez, was located in Broward County and was arrested without incident and invoked the right to counsel.

At this point in the investigation, these subjects are believed to have been involved 25 to 30 armed robberies throughout Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Monroe counties.

“The investigation and subsequent arrest of these violent individuals is a testament to the excellent work and dedication of the Miami Beach Police Department, especially our Robbery Detectives,” said Raymond Martinez, Assistant Chief of Police. “Our agency is proud to work jointly with other law enforcement agencies to take these dangerous individuals off our streets.”

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