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Press Release

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Re: License Plate Recognition Cameras Assist in Bank Robbery Arrest

On November 9, 2012 at 2:35 pm a Latin male approximately 5'8" wearing a white t-shirt, tan shorts, black hat and sunglasses entered the TD Bank located at 3600 N. Federal Hwy and presented a hand written note to the teller, demanding money. The teller complied with the suspect's demands and provided an undisclosed amount of money. The suspect fled the bank on foot and was followed for a short distance by witnesses. The witnesses were able to provide a detailed description of the suspect and the suspect's vehicle.

Once the description of the suspect's vehicle was provided, the Lighthouse Point Police Department conducted a search of their License Plate Recognition System (LPR) database for vehicles matching the description provided by witnesses. A suspect vehicle was quickly identified entering the City of Lighthouse Point fifteen minutes before the robbery. The registered owner of the vehicle matched the physical description that was provided by the witnesses on scene. Approximately two hours after the robbery, the suspect was located in the City of Pompano Beach. After a joint criminal investigation was conducted between the Lighthouse Point Police Department and the F.B.I., the suspect, Justin Ramos DOB 08-04-88 was arrested and charged with robbery.

Chief Ross Licata states, "Our LPR system continues to provide great investigative benefits to our officers in identifying and solving crimes in Lighthouse Point. In this case, the LPR system was instrumental in developing a suspect and ultimately making an arrest for this crime."

- Photos of suspect and suspect's vehicle are available upon request

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