

NEWS RELEASE

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MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Subject: FEMALE CARJACKER GOES ON ACCIDENT RAMPAGE



On today's date, shortly before 8:00AM, a female walked into the Sedanos Supermarket, located at 2435 SW 8th Street. After a brief stroll through the aisles as if she was looking for something or someone, she exited the market and approached her first victim, (Licet Fernandez 09/23/1969), a Sedanos cashier who was coming into work and was still sitting inside her car. The suspect waived at her and stated in Spanish: "You have a flat tire". Fernandez, who happened to have some tire trouble just days before, stepped out of her car to check out the alleged flat tire, at which time, the suspect got into Fernandez's car and began to drive off. Fernandez fought back in an attempt to save her car and purse, which was still in the passenger seat. However, the suspect was able to speed off westbound on SW 8th Street against oncoming traffic causing two separate accidents before finally crashing into the side of a house located at 2825 SW 2nd Street.

As the suspect exited the stolen crashed vehicle with the victim's purse in hand, two Good Samaritans came to her aid driving a pickup truck. The suspect then falsely stated she needed help getting her father out of the crashed vehicle, at which time, both Samaritans ran toward the vehicle. The suspect took the opportunity to climb into the pickup, truck via the passenger side door in an attempt to steal it. The Samaritans then struggled with her and in this case were able to successfully save their truck from being stolen. The suspect then fled on foot northbound on SW 29th Avenue.

Victim #1's purse was located, minus \$140.00 in cash and other miscellaneous items, one block away from the crash.

The Miami Police Department is looking for a heavy set, White Hispanic Female, 40-50 years old, 5'6"-5'8" wearing all black with baby blue shoes.

Anyone with information is urged to contact the Miami Police Department's Robbery Unit at (305) 603-6370. Those with information that wish to remain anonymous can contact Miami-Dade Crime Stoppers at (305) 471- TIPS (4877), visit www.crimestoppersmiami.com and select "Give a Tip" or Send a text message to 274637. Enter CSMD followed by the tip information and press send.

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