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Two arrested for robbery conspiracy

Boca Raton, FL – On Friday September 3, 2010, at about 9:50 a.m., officers with the Boca Raton Police Services Department responded to a report of a suspicious incident that occurred in the parking garage of 1800 North Military Trail.

When officers arrived on scene, they met with the victim, Odalys Herrero. Herrero said that she had entered the elevator on the third floor of the parking garage and was followed by a white male wearing a plaid, hooded shirt, sunglasses, and black gloves. Herrero told officers the male positioned himself behind her, which made her uncomfortable, so she faced him and asked what floor he wanted. The suspect got off on the second floor and Herrero proceeded to the first floor where she told security, who then called Boca Raton police.

Officers also spoke with a witness who saw the same suspect who followed Herrero standing next to a black Mercury Grand Marquis. The witness was immediately suspicious of the suspect's behavior and checked to make sure Herrero exited the elevator. As the witness watched, the Mercury drove off. The witness tried to get a tag number from the vehicle, but it was obscured by what appeared to be black tape.

A nearby officer saw the suspect vehicle at Glades Road and I-95 and stopped it. The driver of the vehicle, John M. Coggiola, matched the description of the suspect. The officer saw a plaid, hooded shirt lying on the back seat and black tape in an open center console. The tag on the vehicle had a sticky residue on it. There were two other people in the car, Reymon Velazquez and Billie Jean Nania. Initially Coggiola and Velazquez gave conflicting stories, but then admitted they planned on committing a purse snatching, but "chickened out" at the last minute. Nania said she had nothing to do with the plan.

Coggiola and Velazquez were charged with attempted robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery.

Arrested: John Coggiola
DOB 06/26/1974
Deerfield Beach, FL



Reymon Velazquez
DOB 02/21/1979
Boca Raton, FL



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