

Ft. Pierce Police Department

News Release

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Chief of Police



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Ft. Pierce, FL 34950

Police arrest suspect believed to be connected with a string of armed robberies

FORT PIERCE – Police believe the arrest of a suspect, fitting the description of the “red striped” bandit, will bring an end to a crime spree that began two years ago.

Cedrick Terrell Beckwith, 26, of 808 Georgia Avenue, was apprehended Monday shortly after committing an armed robbery at the Ramallah Food Mart, located at 3015 Orange Avenue. Beckwith, who got away with an undisclosed amount of money, was found at his home. He was charged with robbery with a firearm and transported to the St. Lucie County Jail without incident where he faces a \$250,000 bond.

“Road patrol did a fantastic job responding to the area and locating this suspect,” said Captain Brian Humm, Commander of the Support Services Bureau. “If it wasn’t for them we may not have made the arrest.”

Information provided by witnesses including a description of Beckwith, the brown Chevy Tahoe he drove from the scene and the direction he fled, assisted officers in their quick apprehension, Humm said.

Police believe Beckwith is responsible for committing 4 armed robberies and two attempted robberies since 2007. Surveillance video from three of the crimes captured a suspect wearing a jacket similar to one seized during a search of his residence Monday. Officers also found a gun, a mask and the money taken during the robbery.

The Crime Analysis Unit identified a pattern in 2008 after noticing some similarities in the armed robberies and attempted robberies that had been committed in 2007. The suspect wore a dark colored long sleeve jacket with two red stripes and only committed the crimes in October, November and December between 7:30 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. In five of the six crimes, the suspect targeted La Placita, located at 1508 Delaware Avenue.



Cedrick Beckwith

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INCIDENT / OFFENSE REPORT

NON-CRIMINAL REPORT

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| CASE NUMBER 2009-4-13237 | RELATED CASE NUMBERS | INCIDENT TYPE Robbery | DATE REPORTED 11/16/2009 | TIME REPORTED 1935 |
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| | 11 16 2009 11 16 | | 19 28 19 29 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> JUVENILE INVOLVED <input type="checkbox"/> DOMESTIC <input type="checkbox"/> HATE/BIAS <input type="checkbox"/> POSSIBLE GANG INVOLVEMENT | | ORI NUMBER | f10560100 | |
| GANG INVOLVEMENT/DESCRIPTION | | CLEARANCE CODE | EXCEPTION CODE | |
| | | Not Cleared (Open / Active) | | |

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| EVENT DATA | LOCATION OF THE OFFENSE 3015 Orange Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 34950 | | | LONGITUDE -80.20000 | LATITUDE 27.20000 |
| DISTRICT 2 | ZONE 220 | FORCED ENTRY N/A | LOCATION TYPE Convenience Store | TYPE OF WEAPON Handgun | |
| CALIBER / GAUGE | | COLOR | 0 # OF PREMISES ENTERED | 1 # OF OFFENDERS | |
| | | | 1 # OF OFFENSES | 0 # ARRESTED | |

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| OFFENSE 1 | DESCRIPTION ROBBERY WITH FIREARM | STATUTE 812.13 2a | LEVEL F |
| STATUS Committed | | DRUG TYPE N/A | DRUG ACTIVITY N/A |

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| PERSON 1 | TYPE Suspect | DESCRIPTION Adult | ADULT/JUV Adult | NAME (LAST / MONIKER, FIRST, MID. / FIRM) Beckwith, Cedrick Terrell | | | RACE Black |
| SEX Male | D.O.B. 12/17/1982 | PLACE OF BIRTH | <input type="checkbox"/> ESTIMATED AGE 26 | HAIR Black | HAIR STYLE Dreadlocks | HEIGHT 6'3" | WEIGHT 150 - 180 |
| EYES Brown | ETHNICITY Other Ethnicity/National Origin | SSN | INJURY EXTENT | INJURY TYPE 1 | INJURY TYPE 2 | | |
| HOME PHONE | CELL PHONE | ALTERNATIVE CONTACT | RES TYPE City | RES STATUS Full Yr | | | |
| HOME ADDRESS 808 Georgia Avenue, Ft Pierce, FL 34950 | | | | | | | |
| EMPLOYER / SCHOOL | | | OCCUPATION | WORK PHONE | | | |
| BUSINESS ADDRESS / SCHOOL | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED | MISSING PREVIOUSLY | RECOVERY INFORMATION | |
| DRIVERS LICENSE # B-230-118-82-457-0 | LIC. STATE FL-Florida | CLOTHING | | | | | |

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| RELATIONS | Relationships for Person 1 |
| | Person 1 is Stranger of person 3 |
| | Person 1 is Stranger of person 4 |
| | Person 1 is Charged With Violation 2 |
| | Person 1 is Owner Of of Vehicle 1 |

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| PERSON 2 | TYPE Witness | DESCRIPTION Adult | ADULT/JUV Adult | NAME (LAST / MONIKER, FIRST, MID. / FIRM) | | | | RACE Black |
| SEX Female | D.O.B. | PLACE OF BIRTH | | <input type="checkbox"/> ESTIMATED AGE 34 | HAIR Black | HAIR STYLE Straight | HEIGHT 5'3" | WEIGHT 120 - 140 |
| EYES Brown | ETHNICITY Other Ethnicity/National Origin | | SSN | INJURY EXTENT | | INJURY TYPE 1 | INJURY TYPE 2 | |
| HOME PHONE (772) | | CELL PHONE (772) | | ALTERNATIVE CONTACT | | RES TYPE City | RES STATUS Full Yr | |
| HOME ADDRESS , Fort Pierce, FL 34947 | | | | | | | | |
| EMPLOYER / SCHOOL | | | | OCCUPATION | | | WORK PHONE | |
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| RELATIONS Relationships for Person 2 | | | | | | | | |

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| PERSON 3 | TYPE Victim | DESCRIPTION Adult | ADULT/JUV Adult | NAME (LAST / MONIKER, FIRST, MID. / FIRM) Karmali, Irfan | | | | RACE Asian/Pacific Islander |
| SEX Male | D.O.B. 08/06/1981 | PLACE OF BIRTH | | <input type="checkbox"/> ESTIMATED AGE 28 | HAIR Black | HAIR STYLE Straight | HEIGHT 5'8" | WEIGHT 150 - 160 |
| EYES Brown | ETHNICITY Arab | | SSN | INJURY EXTENT | | INJURY TYPE 1 | INJURY TYPE 2 | |
| HOME PHONE (772) 466-0310 | | CELL PHONE | | ALTERNATIVE CONTACT | | RES TYPE City | RES STATUS Full Yr | |
| HOME ADDRESS 3015 Orange Avenue, Fort Pierce, FL 34950 | | | | | | | | |
| EMPLOYER / SCHOOL | | | | OCCUPATION | | | WORK PHONE | |
| BUSINESS ADDRESS / SCHOOL | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED | MISSING PREVIOUSLY | RECOVERY INFORMATION | |
| DRIVERS LICENSE # K-654-400-81-286-0 | | LIC. STATE FL-Florida | CLOTHING | | | | | |
| RELATIONS Relationships for Person 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Person 3 is Victim of Violation 2 | | | | | | | | |

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| PERSON 4 | TYPE Witness | DESCRIPTION Adult | ADULT/JUV Adult | NAME (LAST / MONIKER, FIRST, MID. / FIRM) | | | | RACE Black |
| SEX Male | D.O.B. | PLACE OF BIRTH | | <input type="checkbox"/> ESTIMATED AGE 52 | HAIR Black | HAIR STYLE Afro/Natural | HEIGHT 5'11" | WEIGHT 170 - 190 |
| EYES Brown | ETHNICITY Other Ethnicity/National Origin | | SSN | INJURY EXTENT | | INJURY TYPE 1 | | INJURY TYPE 2 |
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| RELATIONS Relationships for Person 4 | | | | | | | | |

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| VEHICLE 1 | VIN/BIN 1GNEC13R5XJ567653 | YEAR 99 | MAKE Chev | MODEL Tahoe | STYLE 4-Door | VEHICLE TYPE Automobile | | |
| COLOR Beige | INTERIOR COLOR | STATUS Suspect | | REGISTRATION NO. (TAG) W957MQ | | STATE FL-Florida | YEAR | |
| VALUE | DAMAGE Other Offense | | VEHICLE EST. MILAGE | RECOVERY DATE | RECOVERY CODE | | | |
| RECOVERY VALUE | RECOVERY LOCATION | | | RECOVERY LOCATION ADDRESS | | | | |
| WRECKER COMPANY | LOCATION TOWED TO | | | VEHICLE DESCRIPTION dark in color chevy tahoe | | | | |
| LENGTH | HULL MATERIAL | | | PROPULSION SYSTEM | | | | |

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| MO / SOLVABILITY | INVESTIGATOR | INVESTIGATION RESULTS | | <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO PROPERTY REPORT |
| MODUS OPERANDI | POINT OF ENTRY | LATENT FINGER PRINT | LATENT PALM PRINT | CRIME AGAINST |
| SOLVABILITY(1) | | SOLVABILITY(2) | | |
| SOLVABILITY(3) | | SOLVABILITY(4) | | |
| SOLVABILITY(5) | | SOLVABILITY(6) | | |
| SOLVABILITY(7) | | SOLVABILITY(8) | | |
| CRIME SCENE | CATEGORY | DESCRIPTION | | |
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Summary

Responded to 3015 Orange Ave., in reference to an armed robbery that just occurred. Met with the victim and witnesses who said a black male walked into the convenience store and pulled out a gun. The suspect pointed the gun at the victims head and demanded the money from the register. Suspect than left on foot towards the back of the store. He got into a Chevy Tahoe and drove south on S. 32nd Street towards Delaware Ave. The victim positively identified the suspect as Cedrick Beckwith.

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Narrative

On November 16th, 2009 at approximately 1929 hours, Officer Palacio and I, along with other officers responded to 3015 Orange Ave. (Ramallah Food Mart), in reference to an armed robbery that had just occurred.

Upon arrival, I met with the victim who is also the manager of the convenience store, Irfan Karmali. Irfan said while he was inside of the store, a black male walked into the store and pointed a silver in color gun at his head. The gun had a brown in color handle. While the suspect was pointing the gun at the victim's head, he demanded money from the cash register. Irfan gave all of the money to the suspect. After the money was given to the suspect, the suspect walked out of the store through the front door. Irfan said he has seen this male come into his store in the past and he could positively identify him if he had seen a photograph of him. He also said he does not know the suspects real name, but he does know that his name on the street is DJ Rock. Irfan said the suspect took roughly _____ dollars from the cash register. The money was a mixture of ten-dollar bills, 5-dollar bills, and one-dollar bills.

After I spoke with Irfan, _____ with a witness by the name of _____ was inside of the convenience store at the time of this incident. _____ said while he was inside of the store, he observed the suspect pointing a gun at the victim's head demanding the money from the cash register. _____ was so afraid that he started walking towards the front door of the convenience store with his hands up in the air. As _____ was walking towards the front door, the suspect looked at him and _____ said, "Don't shoot." _____ than made his way outside and walked towards the back of the convenience store. While he was in the back of the convenience store, he observed the suspect running south on S. 31st. Street. He then observed the suspect get into a dark in color Tahoe that was parked at the corner of S. 31st Street and Atlantic Ave. The suspect than drove west on Atlantic Ave., than south on S. 32nd Street towards Delaware Ave.

The suspect was described as a black male about 6'00" tall, slim build, with dark eyes. Suspect was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, which had red stripes along the right and left upper arms. The black male had the hood of the sweatshirt over his head, so the hair of the suspect was unknown.

Officer Palacio also spoke with another witness who was on scene during this incident. See Officer Palacio's supplement.

There was a previous case in which a black male robbed a convenience store that was also wearing a black in color-hooded sweatshirt. This same sweatshirt also had red stripes down the side. There was a possibility that the suspect from this incident could have been the same suspect from the incident on today's date, 11/16/2009.

A photograph of Cedrick Terrell Beckwith was shown to Irfan. Irfan positively identified the suspect in this incident to be the same male in this photograph. Irfan was one hundred percent sure that Cedrick Terrell Beckwith was the black male who pointed the gun at his head and demanded money from the cash register.

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Narrative (Continued)

Sgt. McDermott and Sgt. Smith were on scene. Detective Campbell was also on scene.

A victim and witness statement was completed. A copy of this report will be forwarded to the detective beureau. No further information at this time.

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