

Ft. Pierce Police Department

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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

CASE NUMBER 2009-4-13237	RELATED CASE NUMBERS	INCIDENT TYPE Robbery	DATE REPORTED 11/16/2009	TIME REPORTED 1935
DATE OCCURRED FROM	MONTH DAY YEAR TO MONTH DAY	TIME OCCURRED FROM	HOUR MIN TO HOUR MIN	
	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)		

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	

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

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					
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	
BUSINESS ADDRESS / SCHOOL					<input type="checkbox"/> FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED	MISSING PREVIOUSLY	RECOVERY INFORMATION	
DRIVERS LICENSE #	LIC. STATE FL-Florida	CLOTHING						
RELATIONS	Relationships for Person 2							

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
HOME PHONE (772)		CELL PHONE		ALTERNATIVE CONTACT		RES TYPE City		RES STATUS Full Yr
HOME ADDRESS Ft Pierce, FL 34947								
EMPLOYER / SCHOOL				OCCUPATION			WORK PHONE	
BUSINESS ADDRESS / SCHOOL					<input type="checkbox"/> FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED	MISSING PREVIOUSLY	RECOVERY INFORMATION	
DRIVERS LICENSE #		LIC. STATE FL-Florida	CLOTHING					
RELATIONS Relationships for Person 4								

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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INVESTIGATIVE / CRIME SCENE SUMMARY REPORT

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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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