

Fort Pierce Police Department Announcement and Invitation

June 4, 2009

R. Sean Baldwin
Chief of Police



920 S. U.S. #1
Ft. Pierce, FL 34950

Fort Pierce Police to Unveil a Public Video Surveillance Camera System

Open House and Media Information Opportunity

Date: Thursday, June 4, 2009
Time: 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
Place: Willie B. Ellis Police Substation
Address: 1220 Avenue D, Fort Pierce, Florida, 34950

The Fort Pierce Police Department is implementing a new crime prevention tool - a public video surveillance system. This system consists of 9 video cameras that will be used to detect and deter crime throughout the Lincoln Park and Downtown areas of Fort Pierce.

The Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency (FPRA) awarded the police department a \$250,000 grant for the public video surveillance camera system as a pilot program to evaluate the effectiveness of using cameras to deter crime. The police department partnered with the Fort Pierce Utilities Authority (FPUA) to install and maintain the system. This partnership reduced the final project cost to \$203,000.

The partnership with FPUA not only saved the police department a tremendous amount of money, but it also provided an opportunity for the utilities authority to initiate plans for a wireless communication project that will ultimately enhance services available to utility customers.

The surveillance system consists of eight (8) cameras installed at the following locations: Avenue D and N. US #1, Avenue D and N. 17th Street, Avenue D and N. 19th Street, Avenue D and North 21st Street, Avenue D and N. 23rd Street, N. 23rd Street and Avenue I, N. 23rd Street and Avenue E and 117 S. 2nd Street. The system also includes a portable camera that will be used at special events and critical incidents.

The camera system is a state-of-the-art digital setup capable of recording activity 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The system was designed to serve two purposes: crime detection and crime deterrence. As such, all cameras are installed overtly and marked with signs that read, "NOTICE VIDEO SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS".

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The system is designed to be monitored from the Ellis Police Substation, but police personnel can also access the system from remote locations, including police cars patrolling the area.

The system is fully operational as of June 4, 2009, but it started making an impact weeks ago. On May 7, 2009, while installers were still working on the system, Chief Sean Baldwin and Captain Gregory Kirk were demonstrating the system at the Ellis Substation. During the demonstration, they watched a drug dealer make a transaction 5 blocks away at 17th Street and Avenue D. After the transaction, the drug buyer drove east on Avenue D. Chief Baldwin and Captain Kirk stopped the vehicle as it passed the Ellis Substation. The drugs were recovered from the buyer and the dealer was arrested (arrest affidavit attached).



COURT DOCKET NO. 1. _____ 2. _____		USE SEPERATE FORMS FOR EACH DEFENDENT AND FOR MULTIPLE OFFENSES OCCURRING AT DIFFERENT TIME, DATE OR LOCATION				AGENCY CASE NUMBER 2009-4-05554		
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BOOKING OFF.	JAIL NO.	DEFENDANT NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES, TRUE NAME Beauford, James M				ARR AGENCY ORI NO. FL0560100		
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DATE OF BIRTH 03/16/1966	AGE 43	PERMANENT ADDRESS (STREET NO., STREET NAME, CITY) STATE ZIP CODE COUNTY 513 N 18th ST Fort Pierce FL 34950 St. Lucie				PHONE		
DEFENDANT REQUIRED TO APPEAR IN CIRCUIT/COUNTY COURT ON AT _____ AM/PM		SEX M	HEIGHT 5'6"	WEIGHT 200	RACE Black	D.L.# / STATE B-163-453-66-096-0 - FL	EYE COLOR Brown	HAIR COLOR Black
		SSN		EMPLOYER OR SCHOOL		DISTINGUISHING MARKS		
COPY TO: CLERK OF COURTS STATE ATTORNEY JAIL ARRESTING AGENCY DEFENDANTS	ARREST DATA	DATE 05/07/2009	MIL. TIME 1702	STREET ADDRESS 1702 D Avenue Fort Pierce		STATE COUNTY FL St. Lucie		
		LONGITUDE -80.20000		LATITUDE 27.20000	DISTRICT 1	ZONE 120		
	OFFENSE DATA	DATE 05/07/2009	MIL. TIME 1659	STREET ADDRESS 1702 D Avenue Fort Pierce		STATE COUNTY FL St. Lucie		
		LONGITUDE -80.20000		LATITUDE 27.20000				
<input type="checkbox"/> WEAPON SEIZED	TYPE N/A	RESIDENCE TYPE City	CHARGE STATUS Probable Cause	UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF N/A	CITIZENSHIP United States of America			
CHARGE TYPE	CHARGE / STATUTE NO.			STATUS	DRUG ACTIVITY	DRUG TYPE		
1. Felony	MARIJUANA-DISTRIB DELIV WI 1000 FT OF SCH/CHILD CARE FAC SCHED I / 893.13 1c2			Committed	Sell	Marijuana		
2. Misdemeanor	MARIJUANA-POSSESS NOT MORE THAN 20 GRAMS / 893.13 6b			Committed	Posses	Marijuana		
PRINCIPAL ARRESTING OFFICER / AGENCY Michael Oliver				EMPLOYEE NO. 8076	BOND AMOUNT			
DIVISION NPB			UNIT All Rotations					
CO-DEFENDANTS NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)				VICTIMS NAME State Of Florida				

I SWEAR THE STATEMENT ABOVE IS CORRECT AND TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY

THIS 08 DAY OF May, 2009

ARREST AFFIDAVIT

AGENCY CASE NO. 2009-4-05554	ARREST DATE 05/07/2009	DEFENDANT LAST NAME Beauford
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Narrative

On May 7, 2009 Capt. Kirk was conducting surveillance of 1702 Avenue D, through the new Ft. Pierce video program. Capt. Kirk observed a black male, later identified as the defendant standing on the northeast corner of the business (Hot Spot). Capt. Kirk advised that the defendant kept on walking over to a abandon lot, just north of 1702 Avenue D, on N. 17th St., and back up to the store. Capt. Kirk advised that a black Honda vehicle pulled into the parking lot of 1702 Avenue D. A white female got out of the passenger side, and walked up to the defendant. The white female gave the defendant some money and the defendant handed her a small baggie. The white female got back into the passenger side of the vehicle. Based on Capt. Kirk's training and experience the white female and the defendant just conducted a street level drug deal.

I observed the vehicle heading eastbound on Avenue D, approaching the intersection of N. 13th St. I conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle in front of the Police Sub-station, located at 1224 Avenue D. Capt. Kirk walked out of the sub-station to the vehicle.

Capt. Kirk explained to the female, that he just observed her buying marijuana. The female stated that she has a addiction, and bought one small baggie from the defendant for 5 dollars. The female handed me the small baggie. The small baggie is yellow in color and contained a green leafy substance, that looks and smells consistent to marijuana. The female filled out a witness statement form against the defendant.

I drove up to 1702 Avenue D to detain the defendant. I observed the defendant walking in front of 1702 Avenue D. I detained the defendant. I conducted a pat down of the defendant due to arrest. I recovered three small baggies containing marijuana from the defendant's left front pocket. Two of the baggies had a Batman design on them and the other baggie was yellow. The baggie recovered from the white female matched the yellow baggie from the defendant.

I observed a working church with in 1000ft of 1702 Avenue D, located at 1701 Avenue D (Soul Fighters Jesus Ministries). The defendant was transported to the county jail.

As I was typing the arrest affidavit the defendant kept on asking if he can help us, so he does not have to go to jail. The defendant kept on stating that he is poor, and times are hard. The defendant was transported to the county jail.

THE PRECEDING IS TRUE TO THE BEST OF MY PRESENT KNOWLEDGE OR BELIEF.

SIGNATURE _____

SWORN & SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME THIS 08 DAY OF May

NOTARY / ASA _____

MY COMMISION EXPIRES