

# Ft. Pierce Police Department

## News Release

March 3, 2011

**R. Sean Baldwin**

*Chief of Police*



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## Fort Pierce Police Officer Arrested

Derrick Dawson, a five year veteran with the Fort Pierce Police Department, was arrested today and charged with two counts of False Imprisonment and one count of Battery. He was transported to the St. Lucie County Jail.

This arrest resulted from a complaint made to the police department on Saturday, February 26, 2011, alleging that Dawson had inappropriately searched a victim while on duty. The complainant also accused Dawson of forcing her to expose her genitals during the encounter.

Investigator Ed Arens, from the State Attorney's Office and Sergeant Dennis McWilliams, from the Fort Pierce Police Department, investigated the allegations and obtained warrants for two counts of False Imprisonment in violation of Florida Statute 787.02 (third degree felony) and Battery 784.03 (first degree misdemeanor). These warrants were served and Dawson was booked at the St. Lucie County Jail at 10:00 AM on March 3, 2011.

Officer Dawson has been relieved of duty and placed on administrative leave.

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