

# Ft. Pierce Police Department

## News Release

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**R. Sean Baldwin**

*Chief of Police*



920 S. U.S. #1

Ft. Pierce, FL 34950

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## Fort Pierce Police Department uses Technology to Solve Theft Ring and Recover \$25,000.00 worth of Stolen Property

**Case Number –**

Retail Theft Ring broken up in Fort Pierce, Florida

### **Arrested:**

Roger Wesley- 617 Ixoria Avenue Fort Pierce, Florida DOB- 10-28-1982

Michael Anderson- 8390 SE Camellia Drive Hobe Sound, Florida DOB- 09-29-1962

### **Narrative**

On January 5, 2011 detectives from the Fort Pierce Police Department began a 60 day trial period with Leads Online, an Internet based program that tracks pawnshop activity throughout the United States. While conducting a demonstration with the representative from Leads Online, detectives noticed the Roger Wesley had sold a significant amount of property to a local pawn shop over the last two weeks. Further investigation by the detectives showed that all of the merchandise Wesley had sold to the pawn shop were similar items and appeared to be brand new.

Detectives responded to the pawnshop and discussed the information to investigate the legitimacy of the sales. Detectives quickly learned that Wesley and Michael Anderson had sold nearly \$25,000.00 worth of brand new property to the shop over the last few weeks. Value Pawn and Jewelry (2512 South US#1 Fort Pierce, Florida) is cooperating with the investigation and willingly released the property to the Fort Pierce Police Department.

Since Wednesday, detectives have been inventorying property, working with other local law enforcement agencies and retailers to determine where the property was taken. Detectives are also working with representatives from Value Pawn and Jewelry to ensure the safe recovery of any stolen property from the two individuals. Police Chief R. Sean Baldwin said "we believe that these two individuals are responsible for a significant retail theft wave throughout the Treasure Coast. We are happy to report that we recovered the property and prevented even more thefts from these men".

## Great Video and Photo Opportunity

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