

# NEWS RELEASE

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MIAMI POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Subject: EARLY MORNING CARJACKING



On today's date at approximately 4:15 A.M., a Yellow Cab taxi was dispatched to the area of Southwest 10th Avenue and 8th Street where he picked up three males. The suspects first started by giving the victim, Heberto Fletes directions. But moments later, the incident turned violent as W/H/M Steve Manilla D.O.B. 3-4-97, who was sitting behind the driver's seat began choking Mr. Fletes, while W/H/M Anthony Hernandez D.O.B. 7-3-97 punched him in the chest while going through his pockets. After taking \$300 in cash, Hernandez ordered Fletes to exit the cab and he escaped with minor injuries.

The three suspects fled in the stolen taxi and thirty minutes later, they were spotted by officers in the area of Southwest 13th Avenue and 1st Street. The taxi, which at that time, was only occupied by two of the three original suspects, fled from the officers. The brief police pursuit came to an end minutes later, when the taxi drove down a dead-end street and stopped against a fence at 1951 Northwest North River Drive. The two suspects fled on foot, but were quickly apprehended by the officers.

The third suspect, who fled prior to the officers spotting the cab, got away with the victim's money, an iPhone 6 and a Samsung Tab 4. He remains at large and his description and whereabouts are still being investigated.

The Investigation continues...

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