



# Pembroke Pines Police Department



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## MEDIA RELEASE

**ASSIGNED PIO:** Amanda Conwell

**DATE OF MEDIA RELEASE:** June 22, 2022

**TIME OF MEDIA RELEASE:** 1:00 p.m.

**CASE NUMBER:** PPPD22OFF037776, 037745, 037710, 037781

**CHARGE/INCIDENT:** Simple Battery; Battery on a Person Over 65

**DATE OF OCCURRENCE:** June 21, 2022

**TIME OF OCCURRENCE:** 5:31 p.m.

**PLACE OF OCCURRENCE:** Various Locations throughout Pembroke Pines

**SUSPECT(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:**

1) Ryan Quiroz; 18-years-old; DOB 12/13/2003; White Male; 16170 SW 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Pembroke Pines

2) Andrew Morales; 18-years-old; DOB 08/19/2003; White Male; 1141 NW 162 Avenue, Pembroke Pines

**VICTIM(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:**

### **INCIDENT SUMMARY:**

Two eighteen year-old suspects are under arrest on Battery charges after they shot at approximately 25 people throughout Pembroke Pines and Miramar with a pellet gun.

On June 21, 2022 at 5:31 p.m. our agency responded to several 911 calls regarding a disturbance involving a gray Chevrolet Silverado which was driving through several locations throughout Pembroke Pines. Our investigation revealed that the vehicle's two occupants were using a SplatRball pellet gun to shoot at various individuals with Orbeez water pellets. One of the victims is a senior citizen.



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The suspects fled the area, and our agency issued a BOLO to our surrounding jurisdictions advising of the suspect's vehicle description. The suspects were eventually stopped and detained by the Miramar Police Department.

During the course of the investigation, it was revealed that the suspects were participating in a social media inspired "Orbeez Challenge".

This type of challenge which is being spread on social media **is a crime**. Pointing any type of firearm at a person, even a pellet gun, is not a joke and can lead to dangerous consequences. In addition, these pellets can cause injury to others or damage to property. We're asking parents to help us keep our community safe by speaking with your children about the dangers of participating in these types of pranks.

Both suspects are facing three counts of misdemeanor Simple Battery, as well as felony Battery on a Person Over 65. They were transported to BSO Main Jail for processing.

**MEDIA PARTNERS:** Major Al Xiques will be available for sound in English and Spanish at 3 p.m. today in front of the East PPPD Headquarters (9500 Pines Boulevard).