



Pembroke Pines Police Department



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MEDIA RELEASE

ASSIGNED PIO: Amanda Conwell

DATE OF MEDIA RELEASE: March 8, 2023

TIME OF MEDIA RELEASE: 5:30 p.m.

CASE NUMBER: PPPD23OFF000905

CHARGE/INCIDENT: UPDATE: Arrest, Attempted Murder – Armed Robbery & Shooting

DATE OF OCCURRENCE: January 4, 2023

TIME OF OCCURRENCE: 7:06 p.m.

PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: SW 123 Terrace & SW 10 Street – Parking lot within The Avant at Pembroke Pines Apartments

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

1) James Dawkins; 17-years-old; DOB 12/12/2005; Black Male; 4731 NW 197th Street, Miami Gardens, FL 33055

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

1) Adult Male – Identity withheld due to Marsy’s Law.

INCIDENT SUMMARY:

*****UPDATE – March 8, 2023*****

Following the investigative efforts of Pembroke Pines Police Detectives, 17-year-old James Dawkins was identified as a suspect in this incident. An arrest warrant was issued, and with the assistance of the Miami Gardens Police Department the suspect was safely taken into custody.

Dawkins faces the following charges: Attempted Murder, Robbery with a Firearm, Aggravated Assault with a Firearm, and Carrying a Concealed Weapon.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Pembroke Pines Police Department at 954-431-2200, email to tips@ppines.com, or call Broward Crime Stoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



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On January 4, 2023, an armed robbery and shooting occurred within the parking lot of the Avant community after the victim and suspect #1 arranged a meeting using the OfferUp platform to exchange an iPhone. Both of the suspects arrived in a blue sedan.

During the transaction, suspect #1 displayed a firearm and demanded the iPhone. The victim was unwilling to hand over the item and the suspect fired a single shot into the ground.

As the victim attempted to leave, suspect #1 hit him in the face with the handle of the firearm causing minor injuries. The victim then relinquished the iPhone but refused to hand over any other property despite the suspect's demands.

As a result, suspect #1 fired two additional shots – one into the ground and another toward a building. None of the three bullets fired struck any person.

Suspect #1 ran away from the meeting point, returned to the awaiting blue sedan, and suspect #2 drove the car away.

Detectives are actively investigating leads and urge any member of the community to come forward with information pertaining to the suspects or the blue sedan.

The Pembroke Pines Police Department would like to remind our community that both our East and West District police stations are designated "Safe Deal Zones" and are available to the public as meet-up locations for transactions negotiated online. The East District Station (Headquarters) is located at 9500 Pines Boulevard and the West District Station is located at 18400 Johnson Street.