

# Incident/Investigation Report

Agency: Plantation Police Department

Case Number: 2001-001258

**Marsy's Law Invoked**

## Incident Information

Date/Time Reported 01/25/2020 07:11	Date/Time From 01/25/2020 07:11	Date/Time To 01/25/2020 07:11	Officer (91409) BARANET, MICHAEL II
Incident Location 12396 Sw 3rd St, Plantation, FL 33325			

## Charges

<b>1</b>	Charge Type State	Description AGG ASSAULT W/ DEADLY WEAPON WITHOUT INTENT TO KILL	Statute 784.021(1)(a)	UCR 13A	<input type="checkbox"/> Att <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Com
Alcohol, Drugs or Computers Used <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Computers		Location Type GAS STATION	Premises Entered	Forced Entry <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Weapons 1. Firearm Automatic
Entry		Exit	Criminal Activity		
Bias Motivation 00		Bias Target OTHER PERSON	Bias Circumstances		Hate Group
<b>2</b>	Charge Type State	Description IMPROPER EXHIBIT FIREARM OR DANGEROUS WEAPON	Statute 790.10	UCR 520	<input type="checkbox"/> Att <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Com
Alcohol, Drugs or Computers Used <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Computers		Location Type CONVENIENCE STORE	Premises Entered	Forced Entry <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Weapons 1. Firearm Automatic
Entry		Exit	Criminal Activity		
Bias Motivation		Bias Target	Bias Circumstances		Hate Group
<b>3</b>	Charge Type State	Description COMMIT 3RD DEGREE FELONY EVIDENCE PREJUDICE	Statute 775.085(1)(a)(3)	UCR 999	<input type="checkbox"/> Att <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Com
Alcohol, Drugs or Computers Used <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs <input type="checkbox"/> Computers		Location Type CONVENIENCE STORE	Premises Entered	Forced Entry <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Weapons 1. Firearm Automatic
Entry		Exit	Criminal Activity		
Bias Motivation		Bias Target	Bias Circumstances		Hate Group

## Victims

<b>1</b>	Seq. #	Type INDIVIDUAL	Injuries None	Residency Status Non-Resident	Ethnicity Non-Hispanic
Name (Last, First, M) [RESTRICTED]				Race	Sex
Address				DOB	
Employer Name/Address				Age	
Victim of Crimes 1,3				Home Phone	
				Business Phone	
Email				Cell Phone	

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<b>Seq. #</b> <b>2</b>	<b>Type</b> INDIVIDUAL	<b>Injuries</b> None	<b>Residency Status</b> Resident		<b>Ethnicity</b> Non-Hispanic	
<b>Name (Last, First, M)</b> JR [RESTRICTED]			<b>Race</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>DOB</b>	<b>Age</b>
<b>Address</b>					<b>Home Phone</b>	
<b>Employer Name/Address</b>					<b>Business Phone</b>	
<b>Victim of Crimes</b> 1,3		<b>Email</b>	<b>Cell Phone</b>			

<b>Seq. #</b> <b>3</b>	<b>Type</b> GOVERNMENT	<b>Injuries</b> None	<b>Residency Status</b>		<b>Ethnicity</b>	
<b>Business Name</b> STATE OF FLORIDA			<b>Race</b>	<b>Sex</b>	<b>DOB</b>	<b>Age</b>
<b>Address</b> 451 NW 70TH TER, PLANTATION, FL 33317					<b>Business Phone</b> (954) 797-2100	
<b>Contact Name</b>					<b>Contact Phone</b>	
<b>Victim of Crimes</b> 2		<b>Email</b>	<b>Cell Phone</b>			

## Suspects/Offenders

<b>Seq. #</b> <b>OF 1</b>	<b>Type</b> INDIVIDUAL	<b>Name (Last, First, M)</b> CANELA, ALEXANDER						
<b>AKA</b>			<b>Race</b> W	<b>Sex</b> M	<b>DOB</b> 02/27/1979 00:00:00	<b>Age</b> 40	<b>Height</b> 5'09"	<b>Weight</b> 230 lbs
<b>Address</b> 4204 N PINE ISLAND RD APT. 310, SUNRISE, FL 33351						<b>Cell Phone</b>	<b>Home Phone</b> (954) 260-1155	
<b>Employer Name/Address</b> PARKER BOATWORKS 617 NW 7TH AVE							<b>Business Phone</b>	
<b>Scars, Marks, Tattoos or other distinguishing features</b> TATTOO, ARM, RIGHT - JAPANESE TATTOO								
<b>Physical Characteristics</b>								

### Suspect Details

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## Witnesses

<b>Seq. #</b> <b>1</b>	<b>Name (Last, First, M)</b> SYED, MOHTASHIM	<b>Race</b> W	<b>Sex</b> M	<b>DOB</b> 11/07/1980 00:00:00	<b>Age</b> 39
<b>Address</b>				<b>Home Phone</b>	
<b>Employer Name/Address</b> MOBIL 12398 SW 3RD STREET				<b>Business Phone</b> (954) 854-8271	
<b>Witness Type</b>				<b>Cell Phone</b>	

Witness Notes

## Vehicles

<b>Seq. #</b> <b>1</b>	<b>Year</b> 2001	<b>Color</b> WHITE	<b>Style</b> SEDAN, 4 DOOR	<b>Make</b> ACURA	<b>Model</b>
<b>VIN</b> 19UUA56681A015902	<b>License Plate Type</b> REGULAR STATE TAG	<b>License / State</b> IUXX61 / FL	<b>License Year</b> 2020	<b>Owner</b> CANELA, ALEXANDER	
<b>Status</b>	<b>Status Date</b>	<b>Value</b> \$0.00			

Vehicle Notes

## Related Name Relationships

[RESTRICTED]	is	STRANGER	to	CANELA, ALEXANDER
JR [RESTRICTED]	is	STRANGER	to	CANELA, ALEXANDER
CANELA, ALEXANDER	is	RELATIONSHIP UNKNOWN	to	[RESTRICTED]
CANELA, ALEXANDER	is	RELATIONSHIP UNKNOWN	to	JR [RESTRICTED]

## Assisting Officers

(90003) BOOS, BRIAN M  
(90507) SANTONASTASO, JOSEPH  
(91448) BUGALLO, DANIEL  
(91504) MAHER, KATHRYN  
(91903) TEJEDA, NICOLE

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## Notes/Narrative

On 01/25/20 I responded to 12396 SW 3rd Street (Advanced Auto Parts) in reference to a suspicious incident involving a gun. Upon arrival, I met with [REDACTED] (victims). [REDACTED] are known homeless individuals who frequent S Flamingo Rd and SR 84. [REDACTED] advised they observed a white Acura (FL TAG#IUXX61) pull into the Advanced Auto Parts with a blown rear left tire. [REDACTED] approached the vehicle to ask if the driver was ok and offer assistance with changing the tire. They met with Alexander Canela (identified via Florida DL), who didn't want their assistance. While continuing to offer assistance Alexander became angry and told them to get away from his vehicle. Both [REDACTED] began backing away from the vehicle due to Alexanders demeanor.

While [REDACTED] continued to retreat, Alexander then turned around and returned to his vehicle and took out a black handgun holding it in his right hand. [REDACTED] advised Alex racked back the slide chambering a round and continued advancing towards them. [REDACTED] then ran onto S Flamingo in fear for their lives and waved motorists down in order to contact PD for assistance. Upon officers arrival, [REDACTED] were able to point out the vehicle with Alexander in it. Contact was made with Alexander and he was immediately detained. Alexander was identified by both victims as the subject who had pursued them with the handgun. Alexander advised officers that he had firearm in the vehicle. Officer Bugallo and Officer Boo's conducted a protective sweep for officer safety of the vehicle and a black Smith and Wesson MP 9 shield (#LEU2150) was located with a round in the chamber. The handgun matched the description given by [REDACTED]. It should be noted that Canela had a valid concealed weapons permit (W1724078).

[REDACTED] advised they wished to pursue charges against Alexander. Surveillance cameras were located at 12398 SW 3rd Street (Mobil). Officer Bugallo met with Mohtashim Syed (Mobil employee) who was working at the time of the incident. Syed stated that Alexander came into store prior to officers arrival to make a purchase. While at the register, Alexander asked if Syed "deals with the homeless guys". Alexander then pulls the firearm out of his waistband and carelessly displayed it in the store. Alexander stated to Syed "I'm gonna kill em" leaving the store shortly after.

Based on my investigation, Alexander made an unlawful threat by the act of pulling his handgun out and racking the slide back loading a round in the chamber. It was determined that Alexander did not have the intent to kill them but had the ability to do so. Alexander was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon and improper exhibition of a firearm. My investigation revealed that Canela's criminal actions were motivated by a prejudice against the victims because they are homeless. Both victims lack a fixed regular nighttime residence. Their manner of dress and hygiene is such that that a reasonable person who encountered them would be able to identify them as being homeless. During the assault Alexander refers to them as "you motherfuckers". After the assault he goes into the gas station and states to the clerk that he intends to kill the "homeless" and displays his firearm. Post Miranda Canela states that it is his word versus the word of the "homeless". He indicates in his statement that because of his perceived elevated status in society nobody would believe them. Based on the

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totality of Canela's actions and statements it is evident that he acted out of prejudice against the homeless victims.

Syed was able to provide a copy of the surveillance video showing Canela at the register and of the incident near his vehicle. The footage was uploaded to the PD server. Taped statements were taken from Syed, [REDACTED], [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] completed Marsy's Law affidavits. Case numbers were provided to [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and Syed in reference to the above. Alexander's vehicle was secured and left on scene.

Alexander did not wish to provide a statement in reference to the above. Officer Bugallo placed Alexander's firearm into Plantation PD property as trial evidence.

Officer Maher completed the necessary RPO paperwork in reference to the above.

Alexander was transported to the PD jail for processing and later to BSO main jail for booking.

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Under penalty of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing and that the facts stated therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I swear and affirm that I have prepared this incident report, and it is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

Electronically signed by: (91409) BARANET, MICHAEL II