For Immediate Release
May 16, 2013

Suspects in Robbery/Abduction Arrested

Arrested Suspects;

#1. Juliann Betancourt, W/F, 01/26/87

#2. Jeffrey Santiago, H/M, 03/27/64

On May 6th we put out a media release seeking to identify a female whose picture was captured by a security camera using the ATM card of a robbery/abduction victim. (See below release). Through subsequent investigation, Juliann Betancourt was identified as the woman in ATM photo.

On May 15th, at about 5:40 p.m., Betancourt and her boyfriend Jeffrey Santiago were located and arrested without incident by detectives in the area of 3700 4th Street North. Santiago had been identified as the knife welding Hispanic male suspect who was with Betancourt at the time of the robbery/abduction.

Both Betancourt and Santiago were charged with armed robbery. Betancourt was also charged with arson to the victim’s 1999 Ford Expedition was taken during the robbery and later found burning at 28th Avenue North and 11th Street. Santiago was also charged with possession of prescription drug.

Detectives advise that additional charges in the case are pending.

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Previous release of Mon May 06, 2013 15:24

Detectives are seeking the public’s assistance in identifying the female depicted in the three attached ATM security photos.

The photos were taken at around 3:00 a.m. on April 22, 2013 at the TD Bank ATM located at 22nd Avenue North and 4th Street in St. Petersburg.

The female suspect utilized an ATM card taken from the victim of an armed robbery/abduction which took place that night.

According to the 55 year old male victim, he was approached by the female and a Hispanic male outside his residence in
the 1700 block of 22nd Avenue North at about 9:00 pm on April 21st.

The victim was mildly acquainted with the female, but never had prior contact with male that accompanied her.

The victim did allow them into his house, but at some point after midnight the Hispanic male produced a knife and forced the victim into his own SUV.

The victim was forced to ride with the man and woman who took his ATM card and demanded his PIN number.

After making a withdrawal, the victim was driven back to his home where the male suspect took the victim’s 1999 Ford Expedition and fled the area. The female left the area in a black sedan with no other description.

The Expedition was later found burning and abandoned in the area of 28th Avenue North and 11 Street a short time later.

Detectives are asking for the public’s assistance in identifying the female suspect or who may have other information about the case. Anyone with information should call Detective Billy Crews at 727-893-7266 or leave a confidential tip at 727-892-5000.