

REPORTING OFFICER NARRATIVE

Boca Raton Police Department

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Victim
MACYS

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SHOPLIFTING/ RETAIL THEFT

On 11/27/08 I responded to Macy's located at 5700 W. Glades Road in reference to a retail theft. Upon my arrival I met with Steve Legoumis, a Macy's loss prevention officer.

Steve advised two men, later identified as Manuel Arevalo and Alfredo Arevalo were observed on surveillance video by Steve placing items of clothing into a shopping bag and leaving Macy's through the southwest entrance door without paying. Steve notified Loss Prevention Officer Jonas Bair of the theft and Jonas followed both men. Jonas stopped Alfredo outside the store and detained him until Steve arrived. Manuel separated from Alfredo after exiting Macy's and ran in an unknown direction. When Steve arrived Alfredo struck Steve, one time in the right shoulder and another time in the right rib. Steve declined medical attention as there were no injuries. Alfredo was handcuffed and transported back to Macy's loss prevention office. Manuel was located in the parking lot where he was apprehended and escorted back to the loss prevention dept.

I watched the complete video and observed Manuel select a pair of jeans, hand them to Alfredo and Alfredo placed the jeans into a bag Manuel was holding. Both suspects then exited the southwest entrance without making any attempt to pay for the merchandise. When detained a total of five articles were recovered, two pair of Tommy Hilfiger jeans(\$110 for two pair), a Tommy Hilfiger stripped shirt( \$65), a Tommy Hilfiger jean shirt (\$60), and a Tommy Hilfiger pair of khaki pants(\$49). Total value of clothing \$284.

I then went to security office and had Officer Rogers advise both suspects there Miranda warnings in Spanish. Alfredo waived his miranda rights and answered questions freely. Officer Rogers asked Alfredo in Spanish what happened. Alfredo advised both Rogers and I that he and his brother, Manuel stole five articles of clothing. Alfredo admitted to Ofc. Rogers that he concealed all five articles of clothing into his shopping bag because, "He needed more clothes and he put them into the bag because he didn't want security to see."

Alfredo and Manuel were arrested and transported to Boca Raton Police department for further processing.

The surveillance video did show Alfredo and Manuel conceal several pieces of clothing into a shopping bag. Once the items were concealed into the bag, both subjects exited the store without paying for the merchandise. Alfredo struck Steve with two elbows. The elbow striking was witnessed by Jonas. Alfredo is being charged with retail theft, a violation of Florida statute 812.015(1)(d) and he is also being charged with simple battery, a violation of Florida statute 784.03. Alfredo was released from the Boca Raton Police Dept. with a notice to appear in court.

The surveillance did show Manuel conceal merchandise and leave Macy's without paying. Manuel is being charge with a violation of Florida state statute 812.015(1)(d), retail theft. Manuel is being transported to Palm Beach County Jail because he is a resident of California.

A polaroid was taken of the stolen/recovered merchandise and Steve had completed a written statement on scene. The polaroid photo, the written statement and the merchandise receipt were all submitted into evidence at the BRPD.