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**MEDIA OUTLET:** Sun Sentinel

**HEADLINE:** Unruly Burger Fi customer fights with deputy

**BYLINE:** Tonya Alanez

**LINK:** <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/deerfield-beach/fl-sb-deerfield-deputy-assaulted-20170626-story.html>

**STORY:** A Broward sheriff's deputy was assaulted by an unruly customer at a Deerfield Beach burger joint Monday night.

The assault happened about 8 p.m. at a Burger Fi located at 2009 NE 2nd St.

A search is underway for the person who was pepper sprayed before running away from the scene, said Keyla Concepcion, a spokeswoman for the Broward Sheriff's Office.

The incident began when the deputy, who was on foot patrol, was asked to help remove an unruly customer from the restaurant, Concepcion said.

"The subject became combative and began fighting with the deputy," she said.

As of 10:45 p.m. Monday, the person had not been located.

It is unknown whether the deputy suffered any injuries.

**MEDIA OUTLET:** Sun Sentinel

**HEADLINE:** Pompano may open extra sheriff's station to boost ties with community

**BYLINE:** Anne Geggis

**LINK:** <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/fl-pompano-open-substation-20170623-story.html>

**STORY:** When deputies shot Gregory Frazier last year, his death became a rallying point for change in Pompano Beach.

The city in response formed a committee to improve community policing and began looking into a revamp of a Broward Sheriff's Office substation building at 1820 Martin Luther King Blvd.

The building, locked to outsiders, should be opened to the public so that residents can meet deputies there, said Pompano Beach City Commissioner Beverly Perkins. "I want it open so the community can go in there ask questions and file complaints about whatever," Perkins said. "That's what substations are for."

Broward sheriff's deputies shot Frazier, a 55-year-old Pompano man, while he ate a take-out chicken dinner in his backyard Sept. 9. His relatives had called 911, needing help with his erratic behavior.

The Miami-Dade State Attorney's Office concluded the deputies, Zachary Hasson, 23, and Andre Landells, 26, were justified in using lethal force and did not file criminal charges against them, according to a report that came out last month.

Once the community policing committee was formed, Perkins set out to fix the fact that the substation in her district isn't public.

The Braggs/Cristwell Community Outreach Center was opened 21 years ago. It came into the city's possession as a result of a drug forfeiture. It was not made accessible for people with disabilities, or built with features of a public building, said Pompano Mayor Lamar Fisher.

The Sheriff's Office and the city have started evaluating how much it would cost to put in features such as protective glass, ramps and other public accommodations at the substation, or whether it would be less expensive to start all over, Fisher said.

"We're doing our due diligence," Fisher said. "The goal is to have roll call there, places to do reports, some command staff."

The city-owned building opened as a sheriff's substation in 1996. In a symbolic strike against the illegal activity in the area, the Sheriff's Office uses the station to stop off to fill out reports and use the bathroom.

It was named for the city's first two black officers to make it to retirement.

Officer Henry Cristwell, was the first African-American policeman hired in 1952. He retired in the mid-1970s.

Detective Ernest Braggs was hired in 1968 and retired in 1995, not long before the city police department was disbanded and the Broward Sheriff's Office took over law enforcement here.

Perkins said she wants to see more instances where citizens in her district are interacting with deputies without some emergency happening. Right now, she said she thinks "there is no relationship. There is no communication."

**MEDIA OUTLET:** Broward Beat

**HEADLINE:** Broward Politics: Sam Fields Says Strong Mayor For County Is A Bad Idea

**BYLINE:** Sam Fields

**LINK:** <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/broward/fl-pompano-open-substation-20170623-story.html>

**STORY:** The unwritten/unsaid promise of all those who want to reform government is: “Change government to the way I am suggesting and honest, efficient and effective government will run on auto-pilot”.

Numerous civic groups along with the Sun Sentinel are promoting the latest version of political snake oil by promoting a strong mayor form of government for Broward County.

The Sun-Sentinel’s June 21 editorial recommended a new position be created for a countywide elected mayor. That mayor would have budget, veto, agenda and appointment powers.

It points to Miami-Dade County as proof that a strong mayor will give us a sense of direction that we somehow now lack.

I guess the thousands who annually move up to Broward from Miami-Dade don’t appreciate the “political paradise” they live in.

As is required every ten years, Broward has convened The Broward County Charter Review Commission to review county government and recommend changes. A Strong Mayor is on the agenda.

Twenty years ago single member districts was the hot button issue that became law. It gave us little more than parochialism.

Ah, they will tell us, this time it is different.

Really????

How has strong mayor government worked in our cities? Is a strong mayor too much power in the hands of one elected individual?

Lauderhill was so happy with a strong mayor that they voted it out of their charter when Mayor Ilene Lieberman went to the County Commission. After leaving the strong mayor’s position in Lauderhill, Lieberman was elected to the Broward County Commission and became one of the leaders against the last big push for a county strong mayor 15 years ago.

In Plantation strong Mayor Diane Bendekovic-Veltri recently used her direct control of the city attorney to waste \$500,000 in legal fees in a failed attempt to shut down the Christmas decorations of a neighbor.

And, of course, how can we forget the paragon of strong mayors—John Lomelo of Sunrise. By the time they carted him off to Federal prison he had turned the city treasury into his personal checking account while at the same time extorting builders who wanted to do business in the city.

The solution to any ills in government is not to be found in the type of government. It is to be found in the citizens.

Vigilance is not only the eternal price of freedom. It is also the eternal price of honest and effective government.

Unfortunately the level of citizen vigilance of government is not what it should be. Most don't pay any attention at all.

Ask yourself this: What would be the reaction if, on the same day every single member of the Broward County Commission was arrested, Don Shula died?

Which would be the lead story in the Sun-Sentinel? On local television? What would dominated Facebook?

That's a tossup.

What would not be a tossup is which of those articles would more Broward voters read or watch.

**MEDIA OUTLET:** NBC Miami (Channel 6)

**HEADLINE:** BSO Deputy Attacked, Manhunt Underway For Suspect in Deerfield Beach

**BYLINE:** NBC Miami

**LINK:** <http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local/BSO-Deputy-Assaulted-Manhunt-Underway-For-Suspect-in-Deerfield-Beach-430977953.html>

**STORY:** A manhunt was underway in Deerfield Beach Monday night after a deputy was assaulted, Broward Sheriff's Office said.

The incident happened at a plaza on 2009 Northeast 2nd Street. Around 8 p.m., the deputy was asked by the manager of Burger Fi to help remove an unruly customer from the restaurant. That's when the suspect got violent and fought with the deputy, BSO said.

The suspect was pepper-sprayed, but managed to escape on foot. The deputy was not hurt.

Police have issued a warrant for the suspect's arrest on charges of battery on a law enforcement officer.

**MEDIA OUTLET:** FOX Miami (Channel 7)

**HEADLINE:** BSO deputy assaulted at Deerfield Beach BurgerFi

**BYLINE:** Andrew Scheinthal

**LINK:** <http://wsvn.com/news/local/bs0-deputy-assaulted-at-deerfield-beach-burger-fi/>

**STORY:** DEERFIELD BEACH, FLA. (WSVN) - Authorities are searching for a subject, they said, assaulted a Broward Sheriff's deputy in Deerfield Beach.

It happened at the BurgerFi on Ocean Drive and Northeast 20th Avenue, around 8 p.m., Monday.

According to BSO, a deputy was patrolling on foot, when a manager asked the deputy to help remove an unruly customer. That's when officials said the subject became combative and attempted to fight the deputy.

"You don't typically see a deputy, you know, punched," said one witness, Bobby Tucker. "they started trying to attack the police officer, and then from there like 15 of them showed up."

The subject was able to get away, but not before being pepper sprayed.

"They've had police officers around every corner," said a BurgerFi employee. "Had a helicopter flying around...looking for the guy. They closed down the bridges and every street is shutdown."

A perimeter was set up, blocks away, near Northeast 20th Avenue and Fourth Street.

Boca Raton Police assisted in the search, that lasted several hours overnight.

"They won't let you come down these streets right now," said the BurgerFi employee. "Cops pretty much everywhere right now, so it's pretty insane."

The scene has since been cleared. However, it is unknown if the subject was taken into custody.

Officials said the BSO deputy involved is expected to be OK.



**MEDIA OUTLET:** FOX Miami (Channel 7)

**HEADLINE:** Police search for missing bailiff uniform

**BYLINE:** FOX Miami

**LINK:** <http://wsvn.com/news/local/police-search-for-missing-bailiff-uniform/>

**STORY:** MIAMI (WSVN) - A Miami-Dade County bailiff uniform has gone missing, according to police.

The uniform was stolen Friday from the Miami-Dade County Courthouse on West Flagler Street in Downtown Miami.

Officials said the uniform was stolen without a badge.

The missing uniform raises concerns that someone might attempt to impersonate a court bailiff to gain access to the facility.

The courthouse's Director of Security, Alfred Mancina, said in a statement, "Please be vigilant of any person wearing a bailiff's uniform who looks suspicious or unfamiliar. As a reminder, everyone must properly display their court issued ID upon entering all facilities."

Three men were arrested by the U.S. Marshal Service on June 15 for impersonating law enforcement in an attempt to enter the federal courthouse in Miami.

"They had around five fake badges with five different credentials – CIA, Interpol, U.S. Marshals, Sheriff's jacket and so forth." said U.S. Marshals Assistant Chief Manny Puri.

Authorities have not released the identities of the three arrested, and the investigation remains open.

Officials still do not have a motive for the crime.

If you have any information on the missing uniform, call Miami-Dade Crime Stoppers at 305-471-TIPS. Remember, you can always remain anonymous, and you may be eligible for a \$1,000 reward.

**MEDIA OUTLET:** ABC Miami (Channel 10)

**HEADLINE:** Customer assaults deputy at BurgerFi in Deerfield Beach

**BYLINE:** Paradise Afshar

**LINK:** <https://www.local10.com/news/crime/search-underway-after-customer-assaults-deputy-at-burger-fi-in-deerfield-beach>

**STORY:** DEERFIELD BEACH, Fla. - A Broward sheriff's deputy was assaulted Monday night while attempting to remove an unruly customer at BurgerFi in Deerfield Beach, the Broward Sheriff's Office said.

The deputy arrived at the restaurant at about 8 p.m. and was asked by the manager to remove an unruly customer, BSO spokeswoman Keyla Concepcion said.

"Shock. It was shock, because around, in this area, you typically don't have this," Bobby Tucker, who witnessed the attack said.

Tucker told Local 10 News that he was at the restaurant when he saw a young man get out of a silver car, walk inside the restaurant and start cursing at customers for no apparent reason.

"Very verbally aggressive, just, blankity-blank-you type deal, you know. And one police officer rolled up," Tucker said.

Authorities said a deputy arrived to the BurgerFi after a manager called the Sheriff's Office asking for the man to be removed.

Tucker said the man attacked the deputy.

"He kept punching the officer," Tucker said. "You don't typically see a deputy punched. and he was. The man was beat up. Yeah. He beat him up."

Concepcion said the customer ran away after being pepper-sprayed.

"And then from there, the helicopters came," Tucker said.

Deputies searched for the attacker, but he was not found.

"They're going to get him," Tucker said. "That's my opinion."