



# City of Margate Police Department

ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

## MEDIA RELEASE



**PIO Number:** 18-08

**Police Case Number:** 37-1806-020667

**Event:** Lightning Strike

**Place of Occurrence:** 7400 NW 4<sup>th</sup> Pl. Margate, FL 33063

**Date/Time of Occurrence:** 06/11/18 @ 1141 hours

**Victim(s):** Eltine Rico

**Suspect(s):**

**PIO/Releasing Authority:** Sgt. R. Kriplean

**Investigator:**

**Release Date:** 06/11/18

### Summary of Incident

On June 11, 2018, at approximately 1140 a.m. Margate Police and Margate Fire Rescue responded to a 911 emergency call at 7400 NW 4<sup>th</sup> Place, Oriole Gardens Phase One Condominium. The caller stated that a male lawn maintenance worker was lying face down in the grass, and he was unresponsive. The caller also indicated the male may have been struck by lightning. Rescue workers arrived and were directed to an open grassy area behind 7400 NW 4<sup>th</sup> Place. The male was found unresponsive lying in the grass. The victim was identified as Eltine Rico (55), of Fort Lauderdale, and was transported to Northwest Medical Center where he is currently listed in critical condition. Eltine was an employee of Potter's Lawn and Landscaping. The company was in the complex conducting lawn maintenance to the property.