



# Pembroke Pines Police Department



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Administrative Phone – 954-436-3200

24 Hour Dispatch – 954-431-2200

PIO On-Call Number – 954-252-5029

## MEDIA RELEASE

**ASSIGNED PIO: Sergeant Adam Feiner**

**DATE OF MEDIA RELEASE: Friday, 12.21.2018**

**TIME OF MEDIA RELEASE: 9:25 p.m.**

**CASE NUMBER: PPPD18OFF081500**

**CHARGE/INCIDENT: Battery**

**DATE OF OCCURRENCE: Friday, 12.21.2018**

**TIME OF OCCURENCE: 6:07 p.m.**

**PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: 11401 Pines Boulevard, Pembroke Pines, FL 33026  
(Pembroke Lakes Mall)**

**SUSPECT(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:**

**Unknown Suspect(s)**

**VICTIM(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:**

**#1: Jason Ortman, 42, 01.24.1976, W/M, 1411 East Golf View Drive, Pembroke Pines, FL 33026**

**#2: Kathleen Ortman, 69, 03.17.1949, W/F, 4540 Hillman Lane, Lakeland, FL 33813**

**INCIDENT SUMMARY:**

**At 6:07 p.m. on Friday, 12.21.2018, members of the Pembroke Pines Police and Fire Departments responded to the Pembroke Lakes Mall for a reported incident of shots fired.**

**The initial report caused law enforcement to temporarily close the mall, however it was after determined that shots were not fired and no credible threat to the community unfolded.**

**An investigation revealed that a simple battery between two parties occurred within the mall. This caused a large number of mall guests to run in a chaotic manner, and caused the crowd to claim that shots were fired. This resulted in mall security representatives transmitting information, to law enforcement, that shots were fired.**

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Pembroke Pines Police Department at 954-431-2200, email to [tips@ppines.com](mailto:tips@ppines.com), or call Crimestoppers at 954-493-TIPS.



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**This prompted an armed, off-duty police officer, to take action in an effort to identify and confront the alleged threat out of concern for public safety.**

**Ultimately, these series of events caused the Communications Center to dispatch police information that shots were fired. At the time of dispatch information, it was unbeknownst to the public, and to the Pembroke Pines Police Department, that the person with a firearm was an off-duty police officer.**

**As such, numerous police officers responded and substantiated that no credible threat to the community occurred.**

**Normal operations at the Pembroke Lakes Mall resumed at 7:46 p.m.**

**The Pembroke Pines Police Department urges anyone, with any information, to contact 954.431.2200, call Crime Stoppers at 954.493.TIPS, or email [tips@ppines.com](mailto:tips@ppines.com).**