

# LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

## RELEASE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION



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### LSCO Arrest Armed Burglars

Today at approximately 11:00am, Leon County Sheriff's Deputies were called to a residence in the 4700 Block of Knollwood Drive in reference to a lone female at home who observed a subject attempting to break into her residence. As a result of increased burglaries in the area of Northwest Tallahassee\Leon County, additional patrols have been put into place. Due to these extra patrols, deputies were on scene in less the 2 minutes after receiving the victim's phone call. As Deputies arrived to the area of Knollwood Drive, a black Nissan passenger car was observed leaving the area. A traffic stop of the vehicle was attempted at Capital Circle and Old Bainbridge Road; however, the driver of the vehicle refused to stop. Due to the serious nature of the crime Deputies pursued the suspects to the area of North Monroe Street and Talpeco Road. At that time Leon County Sheriff Office Air Support took over following the suspects and the ground pursuit was terminated.

As Air Support monitored the vehicle, Deputies on the ground were given the suspects' direction of travel and were able to create a perimeter around the suspects. The suspects attempted to elude capture by abandoning their vehicle in the parking lot of the Waffle House Restaurant, located at North Monroe Street and I-10, however Air Support was able to obtain the descriptions of the suspects as they ran west toward the Country Inn Suites Hotel. Arriving deputies located Akeen Cromartie inside the Country Inn Suites. It was discovered that Cromartie had thrown down a firearm near the hotel pool and then jumped in fully clothed. As Cromartie exited the pool area, Sgt. Tim Lawrence was able to take him into custody without further incident. A K-9 unit responded to scene in an attempt to locate the second suspect. Deputy Ronn McMullen and his K-9 partner "Koda" tracked the second suspect to a wooded area behind the Country Inn Suites where they located and arrested Marcus Ivey.

Both Cromartie and Ivey have been charged with Armed Burglary of an Occupied Dwelling in connection with the burglary attempt at Knollwood Drive. Cromartie is also charged with armed trespassing in connection with fleeing into the Country Inn Suites while armed with a firearm.

Sheriff Larry Campbell said "today's arrest is an indication of this offices resolve and efforts to reduce burglaries in Tallahassee\Leon County. Northwest Tallahassee\Leon County has seen an increase in the number of burglaries these past few months and we have responded aggressively to take these criminals off our streets. Our efforts will continue but I am pleased at the progress that has been made today with these arrests".

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**Arrested:**  
**Akeen Cromartie**  
**DOB: 01/22/1989**

**Charges:**  
**Armed Burglary of an Occupied Dwelling**  
**Armed Trespassing**

**Arrested:**  
**Marcus J. Ivey**  
**DOB: 11/03/1988**

**Charges:**  
**Armed Burglary of an Occupied Dwelling**

\*Booking photographs not available at time of media release. Check on-line jail booking photographs at [http://www.leoncountysoc.com/jailinfo/inmate\\_search.asp](http://www.leoncountysoc.com/jailinfo/inmate_search.asp)

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