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Leon County Sheriff's Office Arrest Flea Market Burglars

Last night, Sunday June 08, 2008, at 10:45p.m. a citizen called the Sheriff Office reporting a burglary in progress at the Flea Market located at 5353 Capital Circle Southwest. Upon arrival, deputies discovered one of the businesses at the flea market had been burglarized and go-karts and four wheelers had been stolen. Deputy Mike Punuasua began looking for suspects when he observed the stolen four wheelers and go-karts behind the Flea Market and a maroon colored vehicle leaving the area at a high rate a speed. The vehicle was occupied by five males and struck a street sign at Capital Circle and Shelfer Road as it fled the scene.

A short time later Deputy Rob Wright was in the area looking for the suspects when he observed a maroon vehicle pull into a driveway on Ponce De Leon Road. The vehicle had front end damage consistent with striking a street sign and was occupied by three males, Jeterius Williams, Izell Gentle, Justin Footman. The adult driver, 19 year old Justin Footman immediately began to apologize stating he was just at the Flea Market to pick up some friends and did not realize they were trying to steal four wheelers and go-karts. Izell Gentle and Jeterius Williams also admitted to being present at the Flea Market, with the stolen four wheelers but denied having involvement in the burglary and theft. During interviews Williams, Gentle and Footman implicated Tyler Mills and Michael Williams as also being at the Flea Market during the burglary and theft. Later Tyler Mills and Michael Williams were located by Deputy Wright walking in the area of 4495 Shelfer Road, at which time they also admitted to being involved with the burglary and theft.

These arrests solved the burglary and prevented the theft of four ATV's (four wheelers) and two go-karts valued at \$7,000.

Sheriff Larry Campbell said "without the phone call from a concerned citizen these arrest may have never been possible, and this crime may have gone unsolved. But when citizens and law enforcement work as a team, we are able to take criminals like these off our streets."

ARRESTED:

Justin Footman, B/M, 7-23-88 (ADULT) - CHARGES: Burglary, Grand Theft, Contribute to Delinquency of a Minor.

Michael Williams, B/M, 12-8-90 (JUVENILE) - Burglary, Grand Theft

Jeterius Williams, B/M, 1-3-92 (JUVENILE) - Burglary, Grand Theft

Izell Gentle, B/M, 5-29-93 (JUVENILE)-Burglary, Grand Theft

Tyler Mills, B/M, 9-9-94 (JUVENILE) - Burglary, Grand Theft

(Contact the JAC for booking photographs of juveniles)



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