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Leon County Sheriff's Deputies Quick Response Lead to Burglary Arrest

Early this morning, Thursday, July 17, 2008, at approximately 1:50 a.m. the Leon County Sheriff's Office received a burglary alarm activation at the Express Lane Store located at 7999 Blountstown Highway. Less than three minutes later, Deputies Brian Michaelis, Howard Poppell and John Hale arrived on scene, discovering that the front glass door had been shattered. While on scene at the Express Lane, another burglary alarm was activated at the Seaside Food Mart located across the street at 8021 Blountstown Highway.

Deputy Michaelis responded to the Seaside Food Mart, discovered the front glass had been shattered and arrested Benjamin Ervin DOB: 04/02/1984. Ervin was captured in a getaway vehicle behind the store. Inside the vehicle were several cases of beer, cigarettes and two cash drawers from the Express Lane burglary. The cash drawer, beer, and cigarettes were also stolen from the Seaside Store and found outside. As Ervin was being taken into custody, two other suspects fled the area, one running south and one running north.

According to Ervin the other suspects with him were Anthony Mason DOB: 02/23/1985 and a B/M mid 20's known as "Danny" or "Darryl", 6'2" 185lbs. Ervin stated all of them live in the Gadsden County area.

If you have information on the whereabouts of Anthony Mason or the identity of the third suspect, please contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office Burglary Unit at (850) 922-3300 or Crime Stoppers at (850) 574-TIPS (8477). Remember, Crime Stoppers does not want your name, just your information. You could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1000.

Arrested:

Benjamin Ervin
DOB: 04/02/1984

Charges:

- (2) Counts of Burglary
- (1) Count of Grand Theft
- (1) County of Petit Theft



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