

LEON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Update: LCSO Arrests Dollar General Store Robbery Suspect

On July 18, 2009, at approximately 12:20PM, Leon County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a reported armed robbery in progress at the Dollar General Store, located at 5460 Appalachian Parkway. Upon arrival Deputies discovered that (3) armed suspects entered the store and robbed (12) customers and (2) employees at gun-point. The suspects then ordered the (14) victims into the store bathroom and fled the area.

Violent Crimes and Crime Scene Detectives responded and began an intensive investigation to identify the dangerous criminals who perpetrated this violent crime. During the crime scene investigation, forensic evidence was discovered which enabled Detectives to identify Willie James Burke Jr. as one of the three suspects.

Violent Crimes Detectives obtained arrest warrants for Burke who was located in Gadsden County and taken into custody without incident by members of the U.S. Marshals North Florida Violent Fugitive Task Force, the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office and Leon County Sheriff's Office. Burke was booked into the Leon County Jail last night and is charged with (12) counts of Robbery with a Firearm and (12) counts of Kidnapping during the Commission of a Felony. The criminal investigation continues as Detectives work tirelessly to identify the two remaining suspects.

Anybody that may have information about this crime is asked to contact the Leon County Sheriff's Office 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:

Willie James Burke Jr.
DOB: 08/17/1980

Charges:

(12) Counts of Robbery with a Firearm
(12) Kidnapping during the Commission of a Felony



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