



# **Release of Public Information**

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## **Criminal Mischief and Boat Fire being Investigated in Golden Eagle**

Yesterday, at approximately 1:00pm, the Leon County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of criminal mischief in the area of Doral Drive in the Golden Eagle Subdivision. According to a resident sometime between Saturday night October, 25, 2008, at 8:00pm and Sunday morning October 26, 2008, at 10:00am unknown suspect(s) spray painted the stop signs at Doral Drive at Inverness Drive and Glen Abby Drive at Glenmore Drive. The unknown suspect(s) used white spray paint to write racial slurs on the stop signs. During this investigation it was discovered that another resident in the 2100 block of Doral Drive had a fire at his residence during the night.

Earlier Sunday morning, at approximately 2:40am, the Tallahassee Fire Department responded to a residence on Doral Drive in reference to a small fiberglass boat had caught fire and burned. The boat had been parked along side the street in front of the residence on Doral Drive. TFD extinguished the fire and there was no other damage. At the time of the fire an examination of the burnt remains of the boat did not readily reveal the cause of the fire.

Due to the proximity of the boat fire in relation to the stop signs that were sprayed painted with racial slurs, and that the location of the boat fire is the residence of the only African-American family living on Doral Drive, Leon County Sheriff's Detectives and the Florida State Fire Marshal's Office are investigating the fire as a possible arson. If it is determined the fire was an act of arson, it is possible that these incidents may be related and committed by the same suspect(s).

Sheriff Larry Campbell said " I find these acts personally disgusting and my Detectives will be working diligently to find those responsible and hold them accountable."

Leon County Sheriff's Detectives ask anybody that may have information about the boat fire or the sprayed painted stop signs 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.



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