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## Deputies Arrest Man in Stolen Vehicle; Recover Stolen Firearm

On June 11, 2021, Leon County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to a business in the 3600 block of Woodville Highway in response to a report of a stolen 2014 GMC Sierra truck. Later, deputies were provided information that the vehicle was in the area of High Road and Tharpe Street. LCSO deputies, detectives, and the LCSO Aviation Unit responded to the area and located the truck at a gas station. LCSO units attempted to make contact with the vehicle and its occupants, at which time all occupants inside the vehicle fled on foot. The suspect, 23-year-old Decedric Carter, and the front passenger, were apprehended. The second passenger was not located.

When deputies searched the vehicle, they discovered a 9mm handgun in the cup holder of the center console, which had been reported stolen to the Tallahassee Police Department. Deputies also located a bag containing over 30 checks from various people to a local business, and a notebook which contained names with social security numbers. Carter admitted to stealing the truck from the business and advised he was aware there was a firearm in the vehicle. Carter also admitted to stealing the checks from a local business' mailbox. Carter also advised he obtained the names and social security numbers to re-sell the information for profit.

Carter was arrested and transported to the Leon County Detention Facility.



ARRESTED: Decedric Javon Carter

DOB: 03/31/1999 CHARGES: Armed Burglary

Grand Theft Firearm

**Grand Theft Motor Vehicle** 

Possession of Firearm by Convicted Felon

Resisting an Officer wo Violence

Petit Theft (33 counts)

Unlaw Possession of Personal Identification Information





