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LCSO Utilizes Two Different "Webs" in the Fight against Crime

Through the course of their daily work, analysts with the Leon County Sheriff's Office Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) discovered 16-year-old Omar Franklin was violating the terms of his house arrest. Analysts also found photographs online of Franklin carrying a firearm. Franklin was on house arrest for Grand Theft Auto, Trespass in a Conveyance, and Resisting Arrest Without Violence. He was only allowed to leave home for school, work, and church.

This information was passed to LCSO's Special Projects Investigations Detection Enforcement Response (SPIDER) Unit to investigate further.

On yesterday, deputies learned Franklin was riding in a gray Nissan Rogue with his brother, 19-year-old Reginald Franklin. Members of the SPIDER Unit found the Nissan in the area of Pensacola Street and Appleyard Drive. When the vehicle stopped at a business, deputies were able to make contact with the two brothers.

Deputies found a BB gun in the vehicle, which was realistic in nature to an actual firearm. They also located crack cocaine and synthetic cannabis. Reginald Franklin was out on bond for firearms related charges from an arrest in May, 2019. He also did not have a valid driver's license.

Omar Franklin was arrested for Violation of Community Control.

"This use of technology, coupled with good, old-fashioned police work is a great example of how law enforcement is advancing. Investigations like this are why the Real Time Crime Center is vital as LCSO continues to work to make Tallahassee/Leon County a safer place to live, work, and play," said Sheriff Walt McNeil.



ARRESTED: Reginald Franklin AGE: 19

CHARGES: Possession of Cocaine Possession of Synthetic Narcotics Driving with No Valid Driver's License



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