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## **Many Success Stories in the Real Time Crime Center's First 90 Days**

On November 28, 2018, the Leon County Sheriff's Office cut the ribbon on its Real Time Crime Center (RTCC). The LCSO RTCC is a vision of Sheriff McNeil's, to harness technology as an innovative tool in fighting and reducing crime. With the ability to track and assist with investigations as they occur, the possibilities are limitless as the center's capabilities expand. The Real Time Crime Center did not disappoint during the first 90 days.

During this time, members of the RTCC assisted with the following investigations:

- A string of robberies which occurred on the northwest side of Leon County. As a result of data mining, a suspect vehicle and residence was developed. When another robbery occurred, members of LCSO's Special Projects Investigations Detection Enforcement Response (SPIDER) unit located the vehicle at the residence. Firearms and masks used in one of the robberies were found inside the vehicle, along with the money taken during the robbery. The suspects were arrested as a result of this.
- LCSO deputies responded to a disturbance where a male involved was the subject of an injunction. He walked away from the scene prior to the initial responding deputy arriving. An analyst working in the RTCC located a photo of the subject and sent it to deputies in the area. Based on the picture sent, deputies identified the male as he walked through a parking lot; which could have easily been overlooked.
- Patrol deputies responded to a medical emergency where the location was not immediately known and could have been caused by an altercation. Within minutes, analysts located a phone number of a potential witness. Consequently, deputies located all persons involved.
- During a recent bomb threat to local schools, analysts with the RTCC were able to data mine through information and indicate a potential suspect at an apartment complex that was the focus of law enforcement. A few hours later a telephone call came into a social service partner seeking a welfare check on a subject.

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Analysts recognized the number as the same that called 911 with the bomb threat earlier. They were able to confirm the subject for whom they were researching was the same person suspected to have called in the bomb threat. This information was relayed to those on scene.

- A narcotics detective purchased illegal narcotics in an undercover capacity. A photo obtained from the purchase was used to identify the suspect and, subsequently, warn detectives of the suspect's criminal history, which included a second degree murder charge.

The RTCC has begun assisting our Department of Judicial Services with:

- With as little information as a name and date of birth, analysts were able to provide the location of respondents, with respect to the service of injunctions against domestic violence.
- Analysts helped provide more up to date information on locations for the wanted people to get them arrested.
- Analysts also assisted other counties with locating people with Risk Protection Orders who had come to Leon County to avoid service.

Through our partnership with Ring, a video doorbell and security company, analysts were able to quickly get video of suspects and vehicles to provide investigative leads to detectives. The tools in the RTCC also assisted other local law enforcement to confirm or even dispel leads in their investigations.

In the first 90 days, the RTCC provided:

- Basic investigative inquiries for 142 investigations
- 45 suspect identifications
- 3 stolen vehicle recoveries
- 242 investigative social media inquiries
- 291 investigative subject inquiries
- 150 investigative vehicle inquiries
- Assisted other law enforcement agencies 33 times with investigative requests.

Moving beyond the first 90 days LCSO is expanding the amount of cameras and tools at the disposal of the RTCC to continue to work #ALLin to make Leon County and our surrounding neighbors as safer place to live, work, and play.



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