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SPIDER Arrests Three; Seizes Drugs and Handgun

On August 18, 2020, deputies with the LCSO SPIDER (Special Projects Investigations Detection Enforcement Response) Unit attempted a traffic stop on a Nissan SUV after it rolled through a stop sign at Osceola Street and Holton Street. The vehicle fled from deputies, at a high rate of speed, through the residential area.

LCSO Aviation Unit responded to the area and assisted in observing the vehicle as it came to a stop on Keith Street. Upon the vehicle stopping, Deputies observed four occupants exit the vehicle and flee on foot. After a short foot pursuit, 20-year old Norris Groover, 18-year-old Jymell Cunningham, and 23-year-old Keonte Brown were apprehended. Brown was found to be in possession of a small bag containing 25 individually wrapped plastic bags of suspected synthetic cannabinoids weighing 33.6 grams and 32 individually wrapped plastic bags of suspected A-PVP or "flakka" weighing four grams. Brown admitted to grabbing the bag as he exited the vehicle and ran. Cunningham was found to be in possession of a loaded .45 caliber Springfield handgun. The handgun was found inside a bag Cunningham later admitted he had been holding earlier in the day and was inside the vehicle. Deputies confirmed Cunningham was adjudicated as a felony delinquent. Groover was positively identified as the driver of the fleeing vehicle and later admitted to being the driver to deputies. The keys to the vehicle were also found in Groover's front pants pocket.

Deputies were unable to locate the fourth occupant of the vehicle. The handgun was seized on scene.

All three were arrested and transported to the Leon County Detention Facility.

Anyone with any information on the fourth occupant of the vehicle, please contact the Sheriff's Office at (850) 606-3300.



ARRESTED: Keonte Brown
DOB: 10/2/1997
CHARGES: Resist Officer Without Violence
Poss. of Narcotic With intent to Sell (2 counts)



ARRESTED: Jymell Cunningham
DOB: 8/2/2002
CHARGES: Resist Officer Without Violence
Poss. of Weapon by Felon



ARRESTED: Norris Groover
DOB: 8/18/2000
CHARGES: Resist Officer Without Violence
Resist Officer – Flee or Elude



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