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SPIDER Recovers Stolen Gun, Drugs on Traffic Stop

On June 9, 2020, deputies with the LCSO SPIDER (Special Projects Investigations Detection Enforcement Response) unit observed a white SUV traveling on Balkin Road with its headlights off in the rain. Deputies conducted a traffic stop at the intersection of Capital Circle and Crawfordville Road. They made contact with the driver and four other passengers, including a front seat passenger, 20-year-old Aiyana Bolton, and a back seat passenger, 21-year-old Joshua Tinsley. During the traffic stop, probable cause was established and a LCSO K9 unit responded to the scene and performed a drug sniff of the vehicle, to which the K9 positively alerted.

Inside the vehicle, deputies located a container behind the driver's seat. It contained a digital scale with a crystal like residue, small plastic baggies, a syringe and a .9mm round. Additionally a handgun was located in the back storage area of the SUV and was confirmed to be stolen. A backpack was also located in the back seat of the SUV, which contained a book containing 6.4 grams of suspected mushrooms, digital scales and a glass pipe with a tube used for smoking methamphetamine.

Post Miranda, Tinsley admitted the container located behind the driver's seat belonged to him. Tinsley also admitted he had knowledge of the firearm but did not know who put it in the vehicle. Post Miranda, Bolton also admitted to using methamphetamine and being in possession of the backpack.

Tinsley and Bolton were arrested and transported to the Leon County Detention Facility and charge with the following:

ARRESTED: Joshua Tinsley
DOB: 1/11/1999
CHARGES: Grand Theft Firearm
        Poss. of Narcotic Equipment
        Poss. of Weapon or Ammo by Felon

ARRESTED: Aiyana Bolton
DOB: 11/18/2000
CHARGES: Poss. of Controlled Substance

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