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## **Traffic Stop Leads SPIDER to Stolen Gun and Arrest**

On August 21, 2020, deputies with the LCSO S.P.I.D.E.R. (Special Projects Investigations Detection Enforcement Response) Unit observed a white Toyota sedan making erratic lane changes and disturbing the flow of traffic in the area of West Pensacola Street and Ocala Road. Deputies stopped the vehicle in the 2100 block of West Pensacola Street and made contact with the driver, 23-year-old Tony Westberry, and a passenger. Upon making contact with Westberry, deputies smelled the odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. Both Westberry and the passenger told deputies they did not have a medical marijuana card. Westberry admitted to smoking marijuana, earlier, in the car.

During a search of the vehicle, deputies located a loaded Glock handgun with an extended magazine underneath the driver's side seat and a plastic bag of a green leafy substance, consistent with that of marijuana, located in the center console. Westberry was also found to be in possession of a digital scale. The Glock handgun was confirmed as reported stolen to LCSO and seized by deputies.

Westberry told deputies the firearm was in his possession, and he carried it for protection. He stated he bought the handgun from an unknown male on the south side of town. He denied knowledge of the firearm being stolen.

Westberry was confirmed to be a convicted felon.

The passenger was released at the conclusion of the investigation.

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



**ARRESTED:** Tony Westberry

**DOB:** 2/11/1997

**CHARGES:** Grand Theft Firearm

Carrying Concealed Unlicensed Weapon

Possession of Weapon by Felon



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