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NEWS RELEASE

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13-Year Old Arrested for Robbery by Sudden Snatching

The Sheriff's Communication Center received calls just after 7:00 a.m. Friday morning reporting that a juvenile female was screaming for help in the area of the Pine Lakes Apartments on Pine Lakes Parkway in Palm Coast. One caller stated that a juvenile male had a young girl in a chokehold. The male ran west between the apartments and the Parkview Baptist Church.

Deputies notified school administrators and set up a perimeter to search for the suspect who was described as a 13-16 year old black male, 4'11, with shoulder length dreadlocks with gold tips wearing a grey hoodie and blue jeans. School Resource Deputy Sam Cooper quickly located the suspect at Indian Trails Middle School, where he is a student, around 7:40 a.m. The suspect was positively identified by the victim and a witness and was taken into custody by deputies.

The victim reported to deputies that the male had been following her when he attempted to take her backpack. She was able to retrieve her belongings from the male while yelling for help.

"I'm thankful that the people who witnessed this incident called 9-1-1 quickly and were able to give a good description of the suspect," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "That allowed our school resource deputies to be on the lookout for anyone matching the description, which in this case happened very quickly. Everyone from the citizens who called in, to the patrol deputies, to the school resource deputies did a great job in bringing this kid to justice."

Thirteen-year-old Dewuan Brinson, DOB 1/27/2004, was taken into custody and placed under arrest for robbery of a purse, or sudden snatching. Brinson was processed and turned over to the Department of Juvenile Justice, which declined to hold him and released him to his parents. "This is another disappointing example of DJJ policies being soft on crime," said Sheriff Staly. "Juveniles need to understand quickly that there are serious consequences for their actions. Otherwise they start a life of crime that often gets more serious."

Management from the Pine Lakes Apartments trespassed Brinson from the property.

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