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Four Arrested After Fleeing in Stolen Vehicle, Hiding in the Woods

The Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) received a call of a reckless driver southbound on I-95. A few minutes later a License Plate Reader (LPR) alerted to a stolen vehicle that matched the description of the reckless driver just before 5:30 p.m. on Friday evening on Palm Coast Parkway. Units began looking for a gray 2011 Hyundai Santa Fe that was reported stolen to the Holly Hill Police Department.

The vehicle was spotted by a Problem Area Crime Enforcement (PACE) unit and patrol deputies used Stop Sticks in an attempt to stop the vehicle before activating emergency lights. The stolen vehicle began to drive in a reckless manner at a high rate of speed and complete disregard for the safety of other drivers while ignoring all law enforcement efforts to stop the vehicle. FCSO terminated the vehicle apprehension attempt for the safety of the community but set-up a perimeter in the area and called-in FireFlight to assist.

A short time later, a resident on Banner Lane called 9-1-1 and said that she saw three males run through her yard and jumped over her privacy fence. Deputies responded and found the stolen vehicle in a driveway on Banner Lane. The vehicle was unoccupied and the engine was still running.

Flagler County FireFlight responded to offer aerial support and FCSO K-9 Units began to track the subjects. Four subjects were soon located in the wood line near Bannbury Lane.

The four subjects are Jemari Overstreet (age 18), Steven Johnson (age 20), Heron Burson (age 18), and James Simms (age 16).

"I was out with our deputies during this incident and it was clearly evident that the driver of the stolen vehicle had complete disregard for the safety of other motorists on the roadway," Sheriff Rick Staly

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said. "They could have caused a very serious crash by their actions. I am proud of our deputies for safely apprehending these suspects and taking them in to custody without anyone getting hurt. This is another great example of our teamwork, technology and strategies working to quickly apprehend criminals with support from the community."

At 6:30 p.m., all subjects were placed under arrest and transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility.



From left: Overstreet, Burson, Johnson and Simms.

Overstreet, the driver of the vehicle, was charged with Grand Theft, Fleeing and Eluding Law Enforcement, Driving without a Driver's License, Burglary of a Conveyance, Burglary of a Dwelling, Resisting an Officer without Violence, and Loitering or Prowling.

Burson, Johnson and Simms were arrested and charged with Burglary of a Conveyance, Burglary of a Dwelling, Resisting an Officer without Violence, and Loitering or Prowling. Burson was also charged with Giving a False Name to Law Enforcement. Burson is currently on felony juvenile probation for Burglary and Grand Theft.

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