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<u>Two Juveniles in Custody after Multiple Mustangs are Stolen</u> <u>from Palm Coast Ford – Additional Suspects Still at Large</u>

Shortly after 4:30 AM this morning, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office responded to a call from Palm Coast Ford in reference to multiple stolen vehicles.

The caller, a Palm Coast Ford security guard, told dispatch that multiple suspects were currently attempting to steal at least two Mustang Convertibles from the car lot and that one of the cars had just crashed in the parking lot and appeared to be disabled.



Pictured Above: Disabled Mustang that was crashed inside the parking lot at Palm Coast Ford during the attempted car theft.

FCSO deputies arrived on scene and immediately established a perimeter. The FCSO K9 unit assisted in the search for additional suspects. After two hours, the search was ended.

Simultaneously, other FCSO units observed a black Mustang without a license plate and Palm Coast Ford markings merge onto I-95 south. FCSO began an attempt to apprehend the vehicle reaching



speeds up to 80 MPH. FCSO requested assistance from the Volusia County Sheriff's Office (VCSO) and Air One as the suspect continued traveling southbound on I-95, eventually merging onto I-4.

VCSO deputies deployed stop sticks in the path of the Mustang and successfully deflated a rear tire. However, the Mustang still continued traveling westbound on I-4 and exited onto Orange Camp Road in Deland. The Mustang came to a stop on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard where the driver, Hollins Mills (19 years-old), and passenger, LaTravious Powell (15 years-old), attempted to flee the area.



Hollins Mills booking photo.

After a brief search, VCSO deputies discovered Mills and Powell hiding in a pool located behind a residence on W. Lake Victoria Circle in Deland. Mills and Powell were immediately taken into custody. Investigation discovered that Powell and Mills were both Deland residents.

Further investigation revealed that a third Mustang was stolen from Palm Coast Ford. FCSO is currently following leads on its whereabouts.

"This is great teamwork by our deputies and our neighboring agencies, especially Volusia County Sheriff's Office," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "This case is still active and we are following additional leads. I am thankful that no one was injured during the pursuit and that we were able to return two of the stolen vehicles back to Palm Coast Ford. To the suspects that are on the run, I encourage them to turn themselves in. We will find you. It is only a matter of time."

Hollins Mills is currently in custody at the Volusia County Jail. He is charged with Grand Theft Auto and Burglary of an Unoccupied Dwelling and being held without bond. They will face additional charges in Flagler County, including fleeing and attempting to elude law enforcement.

LaTravious Powell was charged with Grand Theft Auto.

If you have any information on this case please contact FCSO at 386-313-4911 or email us at <u>TIPS@FlaglerSheriff.Com</u>.

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