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FCSO Arrests Suspect Involved in Armed Daytona Carjacking

An early start for Flagler County Sheriff's Office (FCSO) deputies kicked off Monday morning with a "Be-On-The-Lookout" (BOLO) from Daytona Beach Police Department (DBPD) after an armed carjacking of a street sweeper. Deputies ultimately arrested 18-year-old Sterling Orlando Davis-Jones of Jacksonville after a three hour pursuit in the "P" Section of Palm Coast that also led to an injured FCSO deputy.



18-year-old Sterling Orlando Davis-Jones being arrested after trying to flee deputies.

Around 4:15 a.m., FCSO was notified of the BOLO from Daytona Beach about an armed subject, described to be a light-skinned black male wearing a gray hoodie, dark pants, with short dreadlock-style hair driving a stolen pick-up truck used as a street sweeper that was taken during an armed carjacking in Daytona Beach. Deputies spotted the vehicle at which time the driver bailed-out and ran on foot. The subject was observed running down Point Pleasant Drive with what was believed to be a firearm in his hand, but deputies lost sight of him. The search continued while K9 teams and Volusia Sheriff's AirOne responded to the area. FCSO Communications Center notified the affected community with a reverse-911 and FCSO's social media platforms informed the community of the activity.

Utilizing investigative techniques, the FCSO's Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) was able to aid deputies in

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tracking the subject and a perimeter was established in the area of Point Pleasant and Point of Woods Drive in Palm Coast. At approximately 7:30 a.m., a deputy was notified by a resident about a male fitting the description walking into his backyard. At the same time deputies were notified, the male was seen running south on Point of Woods Drive onto Belle Terre Parkway. The subject continued on foot but was ultimately apprehended when FCSO's Deputy Clay tackled him to the ground, both landing in a mud-filled ditch. The suspect was secured without further incident. Deputy Clay sustained minor injuries during the apprehension and was treated and released from AdventHealth-Palm Coast. Sheriff Staly visited Deputy Clay at the hospital and he is expected to make a full recovery.

Initially the suspect gave a false name and claimed to be a 17-year old. However, the subject was identified as 18-year-old Sterling Orlando Davis-Jones.

Davis-Jones is no stranger to law enforcement with a criminal history dating back to 2014 when he was just 10-years old. He's been arrested in South Florida with 18 misdemeanor offenses and 18 felony offenses. Since 2014, Davis-Jones has been arrested with Burglary of an Unoccupied Structure, Grand Theft – Third Degree, Possession of Burglary Tools, several counts of Burglary of an Unoccupied Dwelling, several counts of Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle, Grand Theft of a Firearm, Under 18 Unlawful Possession of a Firearm, Possession of Firearm by a Minor, Robbery with a Weapon, Aggravated Assault on Law Enforcement/EMT and Grand Theft of a Fire Extinguisher. He's currently on juvenile probation for Grand Theft.

"Another outstanding job by the team getting this dangerous criminal off the streets," Sheriff Rick Staly said. "The juvenile justice system failed this kid by giving him chance after chance. This kid is never going to learn his lesson so now that he is an adult the system needs to hold him accountable and send him away before he seriously hurts or kills someone. I'm glad that Deputy Clay is expected to make a full recovery!"

Davis-Jones is facing charges in Flagler for two counts of Resisting Officer without Violence, Providing False Name to Law Enforcement, Violation of Probation and Felony Trespass on a Construction Site. He will be transported to the Green Roof Inn upon medical clearance from the hospital.

The armed carjacking investigation has been turned over to the Daytona Beach Police Department.

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