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NEWS RELEASE

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Armed Robbery Suspect in Jail

Deputies responded to 20 Armand Beach Drive in Palm Coast on Tuesday night after a subject called 9-1-1 stating he'd just been robbed at gunpoint.

The victim, Justin Dawson, stated that he was sitting in his truck smoking marijuana when a white male with a gun approached him. The two struggled over the weapon and a round was ejected, though no one was injured. The subject then demanded anything of value and Dawson handed over his smoking pipe and cell phone. The robber then returned the cell phone, but left with the pipe. Dawson gave a clear description of the suspect and deputies processed the scene and collected a 9mm bullet.

Wednesday afternoon, Dawson was driving around in search of the person who had robbed him. He came across the suspect at a local gas station and confronted him, but the suspect fled. A thorough investigation found that the suspect was Cody Wilson, 26. Detectives interviewed Wilson and his girlfriend Wednesday evening at their tent in the woods on North Oceanshore Boulevard.



Left: 9mm round found beside Dawson's vehicle. Right: Cody Wilson's booking photo.

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Detectives searched the tent and surrounding area and located 9mm rounds in a box and the glass pipe matching the description of the pipe stolen from Dawson. Under the tent, detectives located a brown canvass satchel containing a 9mm semiautomatic firearm with a round in the chamber.

A criminal history check showed that Wilson had a previous felony conviction out of Mississippi. Wilson was arrested for robbery with a deadly weapon and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Wilson remains at the Flagler County Detention Facility on no bond.

“The fact that the victim gave such a clear description of the suspect helped a lot in this case,” Sheriff Rick Staly said. “I hope he enjoys spending his Thanksgiving in the Green Roof Inn (jail).”

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