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FCSO Investigating Shooting Following Reported Domestic Disturbance

BUNNELL, Fla. — The Flagler County Sheriff's Office is investigating a shooting that occurred at a Palm Coast apartment complex on Sunday evening injuring two people.

At 8:35 p.m., deputies responded to an apartment complex off Beach Village Circle regarding a domestic disturbance involving gunfire. Flagler County Fire Rescue, the Flagler Beach Fire Department, the Flagler Beach Police Department, and the Palm Coast Fire Department also responded to the incident.

The caller told dispatchers at the Flagler County Emergency Communications Center that two people sustained gunshot wounds during the incident. According to the caller, one individual remained inside the apartment, while the other had left and was now at a nearby convenience store.

The first deputy to arrive responded to the convenience store, where an FBPD officer had located an adult male, later identified as Tyree Smith, 22. Smith had sustained gunshot wounds to his upper body and arm. Deputies and the FBPD officer provided medical aid until emergency medical services arrived. EMS treated Smith for his injuries, then transported him to Halifax Health Medical Center in Daytona Beach for further treatment of non-life threating injuries.

Additional deputies responded to the apartment, where they located a juvenile male who had sustained a gunshot wound to the leg. Deputies provided medical aid until EMS arrived. The juvenile was also treated on scene and transported to Halifax Health for further treatment, then released.

The FCSO Major Case and Crime Scene Investigation units responded and established crime scenes at both the apartment complex and convenience store.

Inside the apartment, deputies located a handgun in the hallway. Detectives also recovered spent shell casings, along with evidence of bullet impacts inside the residence.

Detectives interviewed a female involved in the incident, who stated the disturbance began as a verbal argument between her and Smith. According to her statements, the argument escalated into a physical confrontation, during which she was struck and fell, causing her to hit her head. She then began screaming for help.

The female reported that a juvenile family member entered the room with a firearm and told Smith to stop. Smith allegedly became aggressive toward the juvenile, who then fired a shot that struck Smith. According to the statements, a struggle over the firearm followed in the hallway. During that struggle, an additional shot was fired, striking the juvenile in the leg. Smith then fled from the apartment and was found at the nearby convenience store.

“Our Major Case Unit is still actively working to confirm the details of exactly what occurred,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “Thankfully, no one suffered life-threatening injuries, and no innocent persons were injured during this incident. Both persons involved are making stand-your ground claims and both do not appear to be completely truthful or cooperative.”

The investigation remains active and ongoing.

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