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CASE UPDATE: THIRD TEEN ARRESTED IN ROBBERY and GRAND THEFT OF A FIREARM CASE

BUNNELL, Fla — On June 10, Halrey Spare, 16, of Palm Coast, was arrested for Grand Theft of a Firearm and Possession of a Firearm by a Minor, following a May incident in which he initially reported being robbed at gunpoint by two other Palm Coast teens.

Following an investigation, detectives determined that on May 29 Spare had stolen his mother's gun prior to being robbed of the gun, cash and other items at gunpoint by the other teens. As a result of the theft, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office obtained a warrant for Spare's arrest.

Detectives from FCSO arrested Spare for Grand Theft of a Firearm and Possession of a Firearm by a Minor. He was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility for processing before being turned over to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice in Daytona Beach.

"All three teens involved in this case are being held accountable for their bad choices," said Sheriff Rick Staly. "This situation could have ended in tragedy. Parents, be the sheriff of your own home and lock up your firearms. Keeping guns out of the wrong hands starts at home and is one of the most important things you can do to keep your family and our community safe."

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Harley Spare (Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility Mugshot)

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Two Palm Coast Teens Arrested for Armed Robbery

BUNNELL, Fla. — On May 29, Flagler County Sheriff's Office detectives arrested two teenagers, Chimale Santiago-Thomas, 16, and Nico Johnson, 16, both of Palm Coast, after the pair robbed another teen at gunpoint.

On Thursday afternoon, the Flagler County Sheriff's Office Communications Center received a report from a woman stating that her son, who is in his teens, had been robbed at gun point in the parking lot of European Village in Palm Coast. According to the victim, he met with Santiago-Thomas and Johnson that afternoon to hang out and took his parents' handgun with him to "look cool" and "fit in."

During the investigation, detectives with the FCSO Major Case Unit determined that the three juveniles were sitting in a parked vehicle when Santiago-Thomas pointed a handgun at the victim's head and demanded he surrender his belongings. The victim complied, handing over his parent's gun and the money he had over to Santiago-Thomas and Johnson before exiting the vehicle. After the robbery, the victim walked home and disclosed the incident to his mother, who then called 911.

Within an hour of the 911 call, deputies located the suspect vehicle and conducted a high-risk traffic stop at the intersection of Lee Drive and London Drive. During the stop, deputies discovered Johnson and Santiago-Thomas inside the car. During a search of the vehicle, detectives located two handguns in a backpack in the rear of the vehicle as well as marijuana.

The driver, Nico Johnson, was arrested for Accessory After the Fact, Grand Theft of a Firearm, and Possession of a Firearm by Minor. He was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention

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Facility for processing before being turned over to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice in Daytona Beach.

Deputies also arrested Chimale Santiago-Thomas for Robbery with a Firearm, Grand Theft of a Firearm, Possession of a Firearm by Minor, and Violation of Probation. He was transported to the Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility for processing before being turned over to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice in Daytona Beach.

“This was excellent work by our deputies, Major Case Unit detectives and analysts from our Real Time Crime Center, who quickly identified and apprehended both teenagers involved in this robbery,” said Sheriff Rick Staly. “This incident could have ended in serious injuries or deaths but the swift action of the victim’s parents and our deputies stopped these two before they could commit anymore crimes. Now, they will have to face the consequences of their actions and prosecution under State Attorney Larizza’s ‘Young Guns’ initiative. I urge parents to take proper safety precautions and secure their firearms and remember to be the Sheriff of your home.”



Nico Johnson (left) and Chimale Santiago-Tomas (right) (Sheriff Perry Hall Inmate Detention Facility mugshot)

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