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Re: Drug Deal Gone Bad Leads to Arrest of Brooksville Man – 2024-00204205

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On 07-17-2024, at approximately 5:19 p.m., 9-1-1 dispatchers received a call advising an unknown man was attempting to flag down motorists in the area of Spring Lake Highway and Dallas Drive.

The man, later identified as **Carlos Sanchez DOB/05-21-1993**, was eventually able to flag down a Florida Highway Patrol trooper. Sanchez advised the trooper that he had just been robbed at gunpoint.

Further investigation revealed Sanchez had driven to a residence on Dallas Drive to sell drugs to a suspect, identified as **Dwayne Marcquize Harris DOB/05-31-1988**. Once Sanchez arrived at the residence, Harris proceeded to enter Sanchez's vehicle. Sanchez then provided Harris with the drugs.

While the drug transaction was taking place, Harris brandished a firearm and pointed it at Sanchez while telling him he was going to take everything. While holding Sanchez at gunpoint, Harris then led Sanchez to a nearby vehicle where he forced him to climb into the trunk.

Sanchez was eventually able to locate the emergency release latch, however upon opening the trunk Harris pointed a firearm at Sanchez and told him to stay in the trunk or he would kill him.

Moments later Harris re-opened the trunk and told Sanchez to get out and leave. Sanchez got into his own vehicle and started to drive away, but not before retrieving a firearm from the floorboard and shooting at Harris. The two men then exchanged gunfire. Harris was struck in the leg and the passenger window of Sanchez's vehicle received several bullet holes.

Sanchez then drove to the intersection of Dallas Drive and Spring Lake Highway where he flagged down an FHP trooper.

As Sanchez was speaking to the trooper, Harris and his father, identified as **Loren Richardson DOB/10-25-1960**, drove past the intersection. Sanchez advised the trooper that Harris, a passenger in the vehicle, was the man who robbed him.

The trooper attempted to have the driver pull over. However, Richardson proceeded to speed away. The trooper then initiated a pursuit.

The pursuit entered Pasco County where Richardson eventually pulled his vehicle to the side of the road. Harris then fled from the vehicle on foot.

Richardson, who was detained at the scene, told detectives Harris asked him to drive him to the hospital due to being shot in the leg. While driving, Richardson and Harris saw Sanchez speaking with the FHP trooper. Harris then stated Sanchez was the person who shot him.

Richardson said Harris then pushed down on his leg, which was on the accelerator, so that he was unable to stop the vehicle. Richardson advised that while Harris was pushing down on his leg, he also brandished a firearm.

A short time later, Harris tossed the firearm out of the window and told Richardson to stop, at which time Harris fled on foot into a wooded area of Pasco County.

Richardson was arrested by the FHP on a charge of **Fleeing to Elude**.

Deputies with the Pasco Sheriff's Office were later able to locate Harris in Pasco County. He was taken to a local trauma center for treatment of a gunshot wound to the leg. Post Miranda, Harris provided conflicting statements before refusing to cooperate with the investigation.

A warrant was issued for Harris' arrest on charges of **Kidnapping while Armed** and **Robbery with a Deadly Weapon**. Harris is currently in custody at a local trauma center where authorities are awaiting his release so he can be transported to the Pasco County Jail on an active warrant.

There will be additional investigation into this incident.

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