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## Peavy Captured

Sumter County Sheriff's Detectives took Larry Peavy into custody this afternoon at Wal-Mart 2501 Citrus Blvd., Leesburg, FL with the assistance of Lake County Sheriff's Office. The Sumter County Sheriff's Office received tip information that Peavy may be returning to the area with assistance. Sumter County Detectives set up surveillance and spotted Peavy's child's mother, Melissa Sturgill near her home. Detectives then followed her to Wal-Mart while coordinating with Lake County Sheriff's Office. Once Detectives observed Peavy hiding inside of Sturgill's car, they moved in and arrested him without incident. Peavy remained in South Florida, in hiding, until yesterday.

Lake County Sheriff's Office has arrested Larry Darnell Peavy on the following Sumter County warrant charges: Kidnap-False Imprisonment; Sex Assault -with a weapon or force; Kidnap-commit or facilitate the commission of a felony; Homicide-Murder in the first degree premeditated.



Melissa Sturgill was arrested by the Lake County Sheriff's Office and charged with Accessory after the fact to First-Degree Murder, for her assistance in helping Peavy avoid capture.

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