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Wildwood Shooting Under Investigation

June 18, 2013 (Wildwood, FL.) The Sumter County Sheriff's Office is investigating a shooting that sent a Wildwood man to the hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The shooting occurred Monday evening (June 17, 2013) at approximately 6:15PM in the area of CR 230 and CR 205C in the Moreland Park community north of the City of Wildwood. The victim, a 35 year-old Wildwood resident, was walking on CR 230 with two others and confronted a speeding driver. The victim and the driver of the car exchanged words and the driver of the vehicle brandished a small caliber pistol. The victim and driver of the vehicle were struggling over the firearm when it discharged, striking the victim at least one time in the upper right back. The two witnesses were uninjured, and the driver of the vehicle fled the scene.

The vehicle was later located in the 200 block of Orange Ave. in Wildwood, and Sheriff's Crime Scene Specialists are processing the vehicle for evidence. The suspect remains at large.

The victim was treated and released from Leesburg Regional Medical Center.

The investigation is ongoing; updates to follow.

Update: The shooting suspect has been identified as DeQuan JaQuade Scott, 18, of Wildwood. He is described as a black male, 6'01" tall, 160 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. Arrest warrants have been issued charging him with Aggravated Battery. He was also identified by the Sheriff's Special Investigations Squad for narcotics violations and warrants have been issued for the Sale and Possession of Cocaine, Unlawful Use of a Two-Way Communication Device, and Keeping a Place to Use / Sale a Controlled Substance. Do not attempt to apprehend yourself. Report his whereabouts to Crimeline and you may be eligible for a reward.

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