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### Homicide Suspect Arrested in Wildwood

June 25, 2013 (Wildwood, Florida) – Sumter County Deputies have arrested an Orange County man suspected of committing a homicide earlier today.

At approximately 17:03 hours, Sumter County Deputies were dispatched to a residential burglary in the 5000 block of CR 125B-1 in Wildwood, Florida. The caller reported that a known, nude suspect had entered the home making threats against the occupants, and struggled with the male homeowner before fleeing the scene in a white Toyota Camry. The caller provided a direction of travel for the vehicle, and further advised that the suspect may have been involved in a homicide that had occurred in Ocoee earlier on today's date.

Sumter County Deputy Sheriff Jeffrey Cohen observed the suspect vehicle on CR 466A near Old Wire Road in the City of Wildwood. Deputy Cohen attempted to conduct a traffic stop, but the vehicle fled and a pursuit was initiated. After a short pursuit through the City of Wildwood, the vehicle stopped on CR 466A near Old Wire Road where it was initially observed, and the driver of the vehicle was taken into custody after being tazed by an assisting Wildwood Police Officer after refusing to exit the vehicle.

The driver of the vehicle is identified as **Shawn D. Fortner, 27, of Ocoee**. Sumter County Detectives are coordinating investigative efforts with the Joint Homicide Investigative Team from Orlando. Members of the Joint Homicide Investigative Team have traveled to Sumter County to meet with the suspect. Fortner was arrested on the Sumter County charges of Burglary, Battery, and Fleeing and Eluding a Law Enforcement Officer. He will be booked into the Sumter County Detention Center without bail as the homicide investigation continues.

Further inquiries concerning the homicide should be directed to the Joint Homicide Investigative Team within the Orlando Police Department.

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