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CARJACKING-THE VILLAGES

On Thursday, October 29, 2015, at approximately 12:26 PM the Sumter County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the Circle K gas station in the area of Buenos Aires Blvd & US 441, in response to a reported carjacking that had just occurred. The victim's vehicle was stolen at gunpoint from this location. Deputies sent out a BOLO for the vehicle and the suspect. The caller described the suspect as a black male, with dreadlocks and a ball cap on, approximately 5'08" and of a thin build, the vehicle stolen was a 2005, Nissan Murano.

A detective spotted the vehicle heading westbound on 466 and followed him until a marked unit was able to get behind the suspect. The deputy got behind the vehicle at 466 and Buena Vista, the suspect then turned north on Buena Vista. The deputy attempted to conduct a felony traffic stop. The suspect fled at a high rate of speed at one point reaching in excess of 80 miles per hour.

At approximately 12:38 PM, deputies set up stop sticks at El Camino Real and Buenos Aires. The suspect hit the stop sticks; the vehicle rolled over two times striking



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another vehicle in the process. The sole occupant of the other vehicle was transported to the hospital to be checked out but appeared to be stable. The suspect exited the stolen vehicle and fled on foot. Deputies followed the suspect towards US 441, and he was apprehended in an area between the Publix and The Villages Regional Hospital.

At approximately 12:42 PM the suspect was taken into custody by Sumter County Sheriff's Deputies. Deputies recovered a handgun around the arrest location. The suspect was taken to the hospital to be checked out and then transported to the Sumter County Detention Center. The suspect will be charged with armed carjacking, felony reckless driving, fleeing and eluding and possibly other charges.



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