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Teens Face Attempted Murder and Robbery Charges

A trio of Sumter County teens has been arrested in connection with a June 4, 2016 robbery attempt that left one man recovering from a gunshot wound. Deputies initiated the investigation after receiving a report from Florida Hospital in Zephyrhills that a gunshot victim was being treated there in connection to a reported attempted carjacking that occurred earlier in Sumter County.



Donell C. James

The investigation concluded that on June 4, 2016 the three suspects, one adult and two juveniles, conspired together to have the victim deliver a large amount of marijuana and other drugs to a predetermined location off CR 782 in Southeastern Sumter County with the intent of committing a robbery. The 17 year old suspect contacted the victim and ordered Marijuana and other drugs. When the victim arrived to deliver the drugs, the other two suspects, a 17 year old male and 18 year old Donell C. James of Webster, were to rob the victim. During the transaction, James pulled out a pistol, and the victim attempted to flee with James and a 17 year old suspect hanging onto the passenger side of his vehicle. The victim dragged the suspects and attempted to dislodge them from the vehicle. James fired four shots into the vehicle striking the victim in both legs and right wrist; both suspects fell from the vehicle, and the victim sought treatment at Florida Hospital in Zephyrhills.



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A 17 year old suspect was arrested on June 9, 2016 on Aggravated Battery and Robbery with a Firearm charges and was turned over to the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Sheriff's Detectives obtained an arrest warrant for **Donell Christopher James, 18, of Webster** and one of the 17 year old suspects who were arrested on Saturday, June 11, 2016. Both were charged with Robbery with a Firearm and Attempted Felony Murder. James' bond was set at \$60,000 dollars; the 17 year old suspect in the case was turned over to Department of Juvenile Justice.

The victim was treated and released from Florida Hospital.

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