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Burglary Suspect Captured / Manhunt Apprehension

On Saturday May 25th, 2019 at approximately 6:20 a.m., deputies from the Sumter County Sheriff's Office responded to a residence located on NW 38th St. Lake Panasoffkee regarding a trespasser. Upon the deputy's arrival, the trespasser was already gone. He was identified by the homeowner as 26-year-old Brenton Tyler Johnson of Inverness. A K-9 track at that time was conducted; however, Johnson was not located.

Several hours later, at approximately 10:35 a.m., the Sheriff's Office received another 911 call from the homeowner stating that Brenton Johnson was now inside of their residence and that he may have armed himself. Additional deputies responded to the burglary in progress and learned that Johnson may have entered the residence by removing a window screen and crawling through the window. Prior to the deputies' arrival, Johnson made threatening statements regarding violence towards law enforcement if they attempted to arrest him. Johnson was able to get out of the house without being spotted just before the deputies arrived and fled into nearby woods; however, this was not known at the time.

A perimeter was set up around the residence and the SWAT Team was called to respond regarding the potential armed and barricaded burglary suspect.

At approximately 1:35 p.m., Johnson was spotted behind another home in the area as he fled into the woods. The Sheriff's Office utilized bloodhounds, patrol K-9's and the Sheriff's



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helicopter to eventually track down Johnson. He was eventually spotted on the edge of a pasture as he fled from deputies. After a foot pursuit he was captured when he fled into a marsh.

Johnson is a convicted felon and the home he burglarized had a .357 magnum revolver missing. The firearm was not recovered upon his capture. He was booked into the Sumter County Detention Center with a \$38,000 bond. His charges are as follows:

- (1) Armed Burglary of a Residence
- (2) Grand Theft of a Firearm
- (3) Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon
- (4) Resisting Arrest Without Violence

If you or someone you know has any information regarding this case or other crimes please contact Detective Brent Sargent – Criminal Investigations Division.

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