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### Media Release

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**From:** Sergeant Donna Black  
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**Re:** Arrest- Attempted Home Invasion Robbery-La Ruth Rd.

**Date:** August 26, 2010

**Case#:** 2010-32072

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**ARRESTED:**

- (1) **EDWARD YOUNG Jr. III**, B/M, DOB 12/07/1988, address 6351 Cammie St. Brooksville, Charge: Attempted Home Invasion Robbery, bond \$50,000.00
- (2) **TONY LEE SMITH Jr.**, B/M, DOB 08/13/1989, address 6166 SW 104 Rd, Bushnell, Charge: Attempted Home Invasion Robbery, bond \$50,000.00
- (3) **DENZEL DEVON SMITH**, B/M, DOB 07/28/1990, address 6166 SW 104 Rd, Bushnell, Charge: Attempted Home Invasion Robbery, bond \$50,000.00

**Location of incident:**

**25205 LaRuth Road, Brooksville**

**Date: August 25, 2010**

**Time: 7:21 am**

Hernando County Deputies responded to 8177 block of WPA Rd reference to three suspicious males. The males had been observed walking behind an unoccupied house on LaRuth Road and then ducking and hiding in the back yard.

The occupant of 25205 LaRuth Road, identified as Eric Adams was inside his house when he saw the three black males dressed in black approaching his house. He could tell that at least two of them were armed with gun. Adams immediately called 911 while watching the males coming closer to his house.

As deputies arrived they saw the defendants fleeing from Eric Adams yard. Additional deputies were called to the area along with K-9 and the helicopter. At 10:35 am the three defendants were located at Gordon Loop Rd and Granat and taken into custody.

Deputies later recovered two firearms on property adjoining 25205 LaRuth along with other evidence that links back to the suspect.

When Tony Smith and Edward Young were interviewed by detectives they revealed that all three had gone to Eric Adams house on LaRuth with the intention of robbing him. As they approached the house they saw deputies arriving so they ran. As they were running from the deputies they dumped the guns and some articles of clothing they had been wearing. Defendant Denzel Smith invoked his rights and refused to make a statement.

All three defendants were booked into the Hernando County Jail each with a \$50,000.00 bond.

Currently, there is **no** connection between defendants Tony Smith, Edward Young and Denzel Smith and the Home Invasion that occurred in the evening hours of August 24<sup>th</sup> on Weatherly Rd.