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Media Release

From: Corporal Wendy McGinnis
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Re: A/C Burglars Apprehended and Held on a \$122,000 Bond

Date: January 14, 2012

Suspects:

Daniel Rogers 11-25-90
16125 Ft. Myers St.
Brooksville, Florida 34604

John Terry 05-07-85
1223 Olmes Rd.
Brooksville, Florida 34601

During the early morning hours of 01/14/2012 members of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office Selective Enforcement Unit (SEU) were working undercover at several businesses throughout the county, in an attempt to locate and apprehend the subjects involved in the recent rash of air conditioner thefts. At approximately 2:15 a.m. Detective Drewal observed two subjects, both wearing masks and gloves, approach the Penthouse Cleaners located at 16249 Cortez Blvd, Brooksville. Detective John Drewal approached the subjects and identified himself as a detective with the Sheriff's Office at which time both subjects fled. A short distance away Sgt. Tim Bammert observed one of the subjects attempting to get into a four door sedan to flee the area. Sgt. Bammert identified himself and was able to take the subject, later identified as John Terry, into custody without incident. The other subject was able to elude deputies for a short time.

During an interview with Mr. Terry he informed the detectives that the other subject who had fled was Daniel Rogers. Deputies responded to 16273 Pointview Rd. where they were able to locate Mr. Rogers and successfully take him into custody. Through further investigation detectives learned that both suspects were responsible for committing numerous commercial burglaries between 11/30/2011 and 01/14/2012. They targeted air conditioner components to acquire both copper and aluminum.

Both suspects admitted to working under the cover of darkness to avoid apprehension and/or detection. The defendants would target churches, commercial businesses, and commercial plazas

throughout the county, but mostly in the Brooksville area. They would disassemble the air-conditioning units either mounted behind the businesses or on the rooftops. The defendants would disassemble the units and remove only the valuable nonferrous metals for the purpose of profiting from the recycled metal.

The following cases were linked to both suspects either by physical evidence, modus operandi, and/or confession by the defendants:

2011-42149 Grand Theft, Industrial Plaza located at 191 Champion Dr.
2011-43852 Grand Theft, Gennaros Pizza located at 7375 Commercial Way.
2011-44450 Grand Theft, Nativity Lutheran Church located at 6363 Commercial Way.
2011-44367 Grand Theft, Highlands Baptist Church located at 7932 Ridge Rd.
2011-44221 Grand Theft, Inglesia Pentecostal Church located at 9750 Lake Dr.
2011-44334 Grand Theft, Weeki Wachee Village Plaza located at 6270 Commercial Way.
2011-44421 Grand Theft, Church of Wildwood located at 10051 Country Rd.
2011-44990 Grand Theft, Sims Furniture located at 1505 W. Jefferson St.
2012-00395 Grand Theft, Church of Latter Day Saints located at 21043 Yontz Rd.
2012-00464 Grand Theft, Vacant office building located at 11331 Ponce De Leon Blvd.
2012-00337 Grand Theft, Nativity Lutheran Church located at 6363 Commercial Way.
2012-00571 Commercial Burglary, vacant building located at 22255 Cortez Blvd.
2012-00087 Grand Theft, VFW located at 14736 Edward R Noll Drive.

This investigation continues and will likely result in additional charges as these suspects may be connected to other cases. They may also be facing additional charges of dealing in stolen property.

The Hernando County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the Brooksville Police Department for their assistance and efforts during this investigation. Both suspects are also responsible for similar crimes that occurred within the Brooksville City limits. As of 01/14/2012, both suspects have been charged with 12 counts of grand theft and one count of commercial burglary. They are both being held at the Hernando County Detention Center on a total bond of \$ 122,000.

"During this investigation, we used both high and low tech methods to identify and apprehend these thieves," said Sheriff Al Nienhuis. "My detectives have worked hard to get us to this point. Fortunately, since we still have many of these methods in place, anyone trying to take the place of these criminals will likely face the same consequences. Since these were such prolific thieves, my detectives and their supervisors intend to work especially close with the State Attorney's Office to ensure they are prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Lastly, we especially appreciate all the help we receive from the metal recycle businesses in the entire Tampa Bay area. Without their cooperation and assistance, these cases would be much more difficult to prosecute."



John Terry 05-07-85
(Registered Felon)



Daniel Rogers 11-25-90