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Media Release

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Re: UPDATE – ADDITIONAL ARREST – HCSO Aviation Unit Helps Locate Teen
Vehicle Burglary Suspect – 2024-00115332

Date: March 27, 2024

On 03-20-2024 at approximately 4:30 a.m., **Noah Best DOB/04-03-2008**, who was arrested two hours earlier on two counts of **Conveyance Burglary**, was released into the custody of a family member as required by the Department of Juvenile Justice.

After arriving home, Best immediately left his residence on Ayrshire Drive in Spring Hill.

At 7:50 a.m., a resident living on Elgin Boulevard called 9-1-1 to report a vehicle burglary. Deputies were able to locate surveillance video that showed a male subject matching Best's description walking toward the victim's home. The suspect was also wearing the same clothing Best was wearing when he was arrested.

Further investigation revealed Best was involved in two additional vehicle burglaries reported on 03-16-2024 in the area of Mariner Boulevard and Elgin Boulevard.

While detectives were searching for Best, a family member found two shoe boxes filled with vape pens in Best's bedroom. Investigators were able to tie the vape pens to a recent grand theft investigation at the Circle K gas station located at 14195 Elgin Boulevard in Spring Hill.

On 03-22-2024, another vehicle burglary was reported on High Meadow Court in Spring Hill. Deputies who were responding to the scene located Best walking in the area. Best was immediately taken into custody without incident.

Post Miranda, Best admitted to the **Grand Theft** and four additional counts of **Conveyance Burglary**.

After processing at the Hernando County Detention Center, Best was transported to a Department Juvenile Justice facility in Ocala.

Original Media Release

On 03-19-2024 at approximately 10 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies responded to the parking lot of the Chili's, located at 12912 Cortez Boulevard in Brooksville, in reference to a report of a vehicle burglary.

Upon arrival, the victim advised deputies the suspect, later identified as **Noah Best DOB/04-03-2008**, had entered the victim's Kia Soul through a broken window where he then rummaged through the victim's vehicle. Best then exited the vehicle and proceeded to jump on the vehicle's roof, which caused considerable damage.

Best was observed on surveillance video fleeing the area on foot headed east in the direction of the Wawa gas station, located at 12984 Cortez Boulevard.

K-9 Nyko and his handler Cpl. Stephen Miller responded to the scene to help locate Best. The Aviation Unit also responded to assist in the search.

Within minutes the Aviation Unit was able to locate Best hiding in a wooded area located south of Cortez Boulevard on the west side of Mariner Boulevard.

The Aviation Unit was able to direct deputies on the ground to Best's location.

Best was immediately taken into custody without further incident.

Further investigation revealed Best had also committed a vehicle burglary in the parking lot of Vitality Senior Living, located at 7030 Evergreen Woods Trail in Spring Hill.

Best was charged with two counts of Burglary of a Conveyance. He was transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where, following processing, he was released to a grandparent as directed by the Department of Juvenile Justice.

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You may also submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com> .

You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000 cash!