



Hernando County Sheriff's Office

A STATE ACCREDITED LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

P.O. BOX 10070 – BROOKSVILLE, FL 34603-0070 FAX 352 796-0493 PHONE 352 754-6830

Media Release

From: Sergeant Donna Black
Public Information Officer, 352-797-3609

Re: ARRESTS FOR ROBBERY- Tampa Postal District Federal Credit Union

Date: December 31, 2008

Case#: 2008-42031

Three suspects have been arrested in connection with the armed robbery that occurred on December 24, 2008 at the Tampa Postal District Federal Credit Union located at 4094 Deltona Blvd, Spring Hill (Hernando County).

ARRESTED:

- (1) **RICHARD CHARLES HARRIS**, B/M, DOB 09/10/87, address of 18314 Treehaven Dr., Hudson, Fl, Charge: Armed Robbery and Violation of Probation, no bond.
- (2) **JERALD DAVIS**, B/M, DOB 05/22/86, address of 1319 NW 7th Ave, Apt #5, Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. Charge: Armed Robbery, bond \$50,000.00
- (3) **TOMMY LEE BENTON**, B/M, DOB 06/03/59, address of 1319 NW 7th St. Apt.5, Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. Charge: Armed Robbery, bond \$50,000.00

WARRANT ISSUED FOR:

JEROME SIMMONS, B/M, 12/26/87, address unknown, description-5'3", 143 lbs, shaved head, light skin, was recently released from Baker County Correctional Institute, possibly armed & considered dangerous.

Hernando County Detectives received information that after committing the robbery at the Tampa Postal District Federal Credit Union the suspects fled in a white, four door Plymouth to a motel in Ocala. From the motel the suspects called an associate to come pick them up and drive them to Clearwater where Davis had parked his car. After Davis picked up his Chevy Monte Carlo he along with Harris, Benton, and Simmons drove home to Ft. Lauderdale.

On December 30, 2008, Hernando County Detectives with the assistance of the Broward County Sheriff's Office Robbery Unit tracked down Harris and Davis at the address of 825 NW 11th

If you have information regarding this crime, please contact the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830. If you wish to remain anonymous, call the Hernando County Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-866-990-8477(TIPS) or you may email your tip by clicking below.

<http://www.hernandosheriff.org/Tips/>

You may be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.

Ave, Apt 4, Ft Lauderdale. They were taken into custody without incident at 3:15 p.m. and booked into the Broward County Jail.

Later on the same day at approximately 10:30 pm. Hernando Detectives and Broward Detectives located Tommy Lee Benton at the address of 1319 NW 7th St. Apt 5 , Ft. Lauderdale. He was also taken into custody without incident and booked into the Broward County Jail.

The fourth suspect, JEROME SIMMONS has not been located and a warrant for his arrest, charge of Robbery has been issued. It is unknown if SIMMONS is still in the Ft. Lauderdale area or if he is traveling back to the Clearwater area. SIMMONS is possibly armed and should be considered dangerous. SIMMONS's mode of travel is unknown.

Anyone with information about the whereabouts of JEROME SIMMONS is asked to call 911 or if you wish to remain anonymous and be eligible for a \$1,000.00 reward call Hernando County Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-866-990-8477.

If you have information regarding this crime, please contact the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830. If you wish to remain anonymous, call the Hernando County Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-866-990-8477(TIPS) or you may email your tip by clicking below.

<http://www.hernandosheriff.org/Tips/>

You may be eligible for a reward up to \$1,000.