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Media Advisory: Deputies Arrest Newberry Men After Early-Morning Sexual Battery; Second Case Reported

Shortly after 4:30 AM, Deputies from the ACSO Patrol Operations Division responded to the area of Lois Forte Park, 255 NW 260th St., in Newberry after a citizen called 911 to report a female had been robbed and sexually battered. Deputies learned that the victim travelled by cab to meet a man at a nearby residence in Newberry. The victim advised Deputies that two black males, 20-30 years of age, one wearing an orange shirt and dark colored shorts, the other wearing a black shirt and dark colored jean shorts, then led her into the bathroom at the park where they proceeded to sexually batter her at gunpoint. Crime Scene Investigators processed the scene for evidence as well.

Shortly before 7:00 AM, Deputies with the Alachua County Sheriff's Office Patrol Operations and Patrol Support Divisions responded to the 25700 block of NW 4th Avenue, after a juvenile victim reported being sexually battered. The victim told Deputies that she was sexually battered inside a vehicle which was soon thereafter located at a nearby residence. K9 Units, Warrants Investigators and Patrol Deputies surrounded the home and the occupants were called outside where one subject was taken into custody without further incident. Detectives and Crime Scene Investigators from the ACSO Criminal Investigations Division were contacted to interview the victim and process the vehicle for further evidence.

As a result of information and evidence obtained by Detectives, Justin Hoyt, 19 of Newberry, was arrested on charges of forcible sexual battery and theft in conjunction with the incident at Lois Forte Park. Sylvester Robinson, Jr., 35, also of Newberry, was arrested and charged as well. Robinson, Jr. also faces additional felony charges related to violations of the provisions of his sex offender registry requirements. Hoyt is listed on the Florida Department of Corrections (FLDOC) website as currently being on probation for felony charges and is under the supervision of FLDOC's Bureau of Probation and Parole.

Detectives are still investigating the sexual battery allegations against Hoyt made by the juvenile victim.

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