GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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HOME INVASION ROBBERY – 24 FIREARMS STOLEN

GAINESVILLE, FLA – On June 8th, 2018, at 0218 hours Gainesville Police Officers and members of the newly created Community Action Team responded to 2056 NW 55th Blvd, Creekwood Apartments, to a report of a home invasion robbery. Their investigation revealed the 77 year old victim was awakened by noise in their apartment and when the victim got up to investigate, the victim noticed two individuals carrying one of two gun safes. The victim began screaming and went after one of the suspects who then punched the victim in the face, causing the victim to fall down. The two suspect, described only as black males, dropped the safe and fled the apartment. Witnesses reported seeing a B/M, approximately 5'5" to 5'8", with a short dread twist hair style, possibly wearing a white tank top and long black pants, fleeing the area of the apartment and getting into an awaiting vehicle that sped away. Further inspection of the residence revealed that a second safe was missing and it contained 24 firearms.

At the Wednesday, June 6th, Black on Black Crime Task Force meeting, Chief Tony Jones announced the formation of the GPD Community Action Team charged with combating violent crime involving firearms. Chief Jones stated at this meeting that criminals are not purchasing firearms at stores that sell firearms. They are obtaining them by committing crimes like this one. Chief Jones stated that GPD is committed to removing firearms from those who legally are not allowed to possess them and we need the community's help to fulfill this commitment.

Anyone with information about this case can remain anonymous and may receive a cash reward for information leading to an arrest by contacting Alachua County Crime Stoppers at www.stopcrime.tv or calling 352-372-STOP (7867).

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