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Sanford Police Arrest Juvenile in Recent Armed Carjacking

Sanford, FL (February 28, 2018): Sanford Police arrested Robert Lee Smith, 17 years of age, in connection with the armed carjacking robbery that occurred in the Kays Landing subdivision on January 26, 2018.

On January 26, 2018 at approximately 10:40 pm, Sanford Police received a report of a carjacking robbery at 200 Kays Landing Dr. The suspect, later identified as Robert Lee Smith approached the victim from behind after she exited her vehicle and was walking to the front door of the residence. Smith then pointed a black semi-auto handgun at the victim and demanded her purse and vehicle keys, before fleeing the area in the victim's blue 2016 Mercedes-Benz C300.

On January 29, 2018, Sanford Police Investigators were notified by Volusia County Sheriff's Office that Smith was a suspect in a similar armed carjacking that occurred in Volusia County. On January 30, 2018, Smith was arrested and taken into custody for charges related to the carjacking in Volusia County.

On January 31, 2018, the stolen Mercedes-Benz was located in Daytona Beach and recovered.

During the course of the investigation, fingerprints taken from the interior of the recovered Mercedes-Benz were positively identified as Smith's. On February 23, 2018, a warrant was issued for Smith for one count of Robbery-Carjacking with a Weapon, and one count of Robbery with a Firearm.

On February 27, 2018, Smith was taken into custody at the Volusia County Juvenile Detention Center and transported to the Seminole County Juvenile Assessment Center.

Anyone wishing to report information regarding this incident are asked to contact the Sanford Police Department or Crimeline at 800 423-TIPS (8477) or visit www.crimeline.org. Calls made to Crimeline remain anonymous, and tips to Crimeline that lead to solving a felony case are eligible for a cash reward of up to \$1,000 dollars.

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