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MEDIA RELEASE

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11/29/14 5:30 PM

Attempted Murder

At approximately 1:35 PM today November 29, 2014 the Sumter County Sheriff's Office 911 communications center received a call in reference to trespassing. The complainant advised that she wanted Michael Brown DOB 07/16/1975 from Flatonia, Texas to leave the location (2565 SW 76th Lane). While deputies were in route at 1:38 PM communications advised that the complainant cried out and the phone disconnected. Communications received a call back from this location, the complainant advised that another female had been shot and the suspect fled on foot into the woods.

Deputies arrived at 1:43 PM and advised the first victim, a white female age 35 was shot in the chest area, and a second victim, a white female age 21 was shot in the shoulder area. While on scene deputies advised they heard shots fired from the woods behind the location. The S.W.A.T. team, K-9 and Eagle 1 from Lake County were activated.

The 1st victim (w/f, age 35) was airlifted to Ocala Regional Medical Center and is believed to be in critical condition. The 2nd victim (w/f, age 21) was transported by ambulance to St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa and is believed to be in stable condition.



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As the Sumter County Sheriff's Office was setting up the perimeter and searching the wooded area behind the residence, a call came in that advised the suspect was spotted in his vehicle on CR 683; deputies were BOLO-ing the area.

While deputies were searching the area deputies discovered the suspects' vehicle just south of Breezy Oaks RV Park CR 673 at approximately 4:41 PM. The trunk of the vehicle was open and a perimeter was set up. Eagle 1 advised that a subject was approximately 100ft east of the vehicle in the wood line and not moving.

Deputies approached the subject and discovered Michael Brown, it appears Brown tied jumper cables to a tree and around his neck asphyxiating himself. Deputies also found a handgun at his feet. It is possible Brown shot himself; an autopsy will be performed tomorrow by the Fifth Judicial Circuit Medical Examiner's Office in Leesburg, FL.

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