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### Golf Cart Thefts

Since September, the Sumter County Sheriff's Office has been investigating a series of related golf cart thefts and attempted thefts which have been occurring throughout commercial areas of the Villages. Sheriff's detectives are aware of two attempted golf cart thefts where the cart ignitions were drilled and damaged but the thieves did not steal the cart. There are two thefts of golf carts where the suspects did complete the theft and get away with the carts which have occurred within our jurisdiction. Detectives are aware of other thefts of golf carts which occurred within the Cities of Wildwood and Lady Lake. The Sheriff's Office's most recent golf cart theft occurred on Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at the Waterfront Inn on Lake Sumter Landing. During that theft, surveillance cameras helped capture the theft as it occurred and detectives were ultimately able to identify suspects.

Sumter County Sheriff's Office detectives initiated surveillance on the suspects from the most recent theft which led them to a home located at 107 E. Ruby Street Tavares, Florida. During the surveillance of the home, detectives located the golf cart stolen during the most recent theft at the Waterfront Inn. In coordination with the Tavares Police Department, a second stolen golf cart was found next door at 101 E. Ruby Street and identified as a golf cart stolen in October from the World of Beer at Brownwood and investigated by Wildwood Police Department. The Tavares Police Department assisted the Sumter County Sheriff's Office in obtaining and serving a search warrant for the property located at 107 E. Ruby Street which also yielded a stolen enclosed trailer which had been used to transport the most recent golf cart taken from the Waterfront Inn. That enclosed trailer had been stolen during the previous weekend within the City of Lady Lake. Also found during the search warrant was the drill and bit believed to be used to bypass the golf cart ignitions during the previous thefts.

Robey Kyle Jones, Tavares, FL was arrested for Grand Theft during the search warrant by the Tavares Police Department and an arrest warrant has been issued for Morgan Troy Durrance, Eustis, FL for the charge of Grand Theft. Additional charges will be forthcoming



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as this is still an active investigation and other jurisdictions are involved. The Tavares Police Department has jurisdiction of the continuing Chop Shop investigation and the Sumter County Sheriff's Office is currently coordinating with them to pursue the location of other stolen carts or components. The Sumter County Sheriff's Office is in communication with all affected law enforcement agencies and will be coordinating investigatory efforts to ensure that all involved persons are held accountable.

The Sheriff's Office is asking that if you have any information regarding these series of thefts, please contact Detective Justin Street at (352)-569-1600. Additionally, if someone knows the location of Morgan Troy Durrance, please contact the Sumter County Sheriff's, your local law enforcement agency or Crimeline.

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