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MEDIA RELEASE

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The Sumter County Sheriff's Office is investigating an overnight shooting on SR 44 near I-75. The shooting was reported around 2:40 am after a large block party on CR 235 in Wildwood, FL. The shooting incident occurred as party goers left in their vehicles and moved to the Wildwood Truck-Stop area. Gunfire from multiple vehicles has been reported along SR 44 near the McDonalds and Waffle House. SR 44 westbound was shut down for hours as the Crime Scene was processed. At least one building, the Burger King was hit by a stray bullet. Three gunshot wound victims were later reported at The Villages Regional Hospital. One of the victims is being treated critically with life threatening injuries while the other two victims are being treated for non-life threatening injuries. The motive for the shooting is unknown at this time. The block party was estimated to have in excess of two thousand participants.

The Sheriff's Office is asking for public assistance regarding this shooting. If you or someone you know has any information, please call Sumter County Sheriff's Office Detectives at 352-793-2621 or Crimeline at 1-800-423-TIPS(8477)

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