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Location: Linton Oaks Neighborhood (6100 SW 20th Avenue, Gainesville,FL)

Media Advisory: Shooting Investigation

On May 1, 2017 at approximately 8:47 p.m., ACSO Deputies responded to the North Florida Hospital Emergency Room regarding the report of a male subject who entered with a gunshot wound to the upper thigh.

The male patient, Eugene Brown, originally reported to NFRMC Medical Staff as well as responding Deputies that he was in the Linton Oaks neighborhood attempting to exit his vehicle in the area of the "Ma&Pa" store, when an unknown suspect in a black sport utility vehicle drove by and began shooting. Brown stated that he was struck by a bullet in the leg, so he got back into his vehicle and drove to the hospital. Brown was unable to provide any further suspect description, but did admit to being a member of the criminal street gang "Folk Nation".

Patrol Deputies contacted ACSO Detectives and Crime Scene Investigators to request their assistance with further investigation of this incident. During the investigation, Brown provided written consent to search his vehicle, where Deputies located a single .380 caliber shell casing in the driver's floorboard.

Investigators spoke with Brown regarding the shell casing that was found inside of the vehicle causing Brown to recant his previous statement and admit that while at his girlfriend's residence in Shellrock Villas, he was "playing" with his gun when it went off and shot him in the leg. Brown stated that he fabricated his initial statement because he was concerned with having the gun due to his being affiliated with a gang and his belief that he was a convicted felon. Brown admitted that while driving to NFRMC he threw the gun out of his vehicle window out of fear of getting in trouble with law enforcement.

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The ACSO utilized multiple resources for this call to include Patrol Deputies, Detectives, Crime Scene Investigators and even requested assistance from the Gainesville Police Department in attempting to locate the firearm.

We ask that all of our citizens remember that while we are here to Protect and Serve our community, false reports of incidents can often cause unnecessary resources to be diverted from those members of our community who may be experiencing a legitimate emergency.

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