



# News Release

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**Media Advisory: ASO and U.S. Marshalls Investigators Arrest Wanted Bank Robber**

In the early afternoon hours of Tuesday, October 31, 2017, ASO Warrants Investigators acting in cooperation with additional members of the U.S. Marshals Florida Regional Fugitive Task Force responded to Majestic Oaks Apartments located at 5800 SW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, due to reports that Wanted Fugitive Theophilus Lynum was seen in the area of building K.

Once on scene, Investigators observed Lynum walk from building K to building M, where he entered apartment M4. Investigators surrounded the apartment, while giving loud verbal commands for Lynum to surrender. Lynum was contacted at the back door to the residence, where he was taken into custody without incident.

Lynum has been on the run from Law Enforcement for several months, after committing a string of Armed Bank Robberies in surrounding counties. Most notable are Lynum's warrants for Bank Robbery out of Gilchrist and Bradford Counties, each holding a 1.5 million dollar bond.

Lynum is a convicted felon and a documented member of a known criminal street gang.

Attachments:

Booking Photograph

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