



# Media Update

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**MEDIA UPDATE: Big Daddy Guns Burglary, Arrests and Video**

Gainesville, Florida — October 1, 2018: Just after 3:00am on Thursday, September 27, 2018, three suspects cut two locks off a metal roll up security door, hammered through the front door glass, and entered Big Daddy Guns at 602 NW 75<sup>th</sup> Street. Surveillance video shows them inside the business for less than twenty seconds, where they smashed display cases, stole over a dozen guns and fled on foot.

After sunrise, deputies and one of the Sheriff's Office specialized gun-detection dogs located two of the stolen guns and additional evidence in a nearby field.

As detectives and their partners from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (ATF) continued the investigation, they received the first major break in the case from another Gainesville business when alert employees notified the Sheriff's Office about three individuals seeking ammunition for one of the unique guns stolen during the burglary. A vigilant patrol deputy then spotted the vehicle those subjects were driving, and passed that information on to detectives who ultimately made contact with the occupants and recovered two more stolen guns from that car.

With four guns recovered, detectives then served a search warrant at an apartment in the 6900 block of SW 6<sup>th</sup> Place, where both DEVITO EARLY and JAHAROLD DAVIS were located and ultimately arrested for Armed Business Burglary. In addition to three more stolen guns, detectives also found some of the tools used during the burglary inside that apartment.

At this point, all three suspects that entered the business have been identified, a juvenile lookout has been arrested, and additional charges are expected. Even though seven handguns have been recovered, additional stolen weapons remain on the street; information leading to the recovery of those firearms may be eligible for a reward of \$1,000 through the CrimeStoppers and Alachua County Sheriff's Office Gun Bounty Program.

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Attachments: Booking Photos (Early/Davis), Arrest Reports (Early/Davis), Link to Video

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