

# WINTER HAVEN POLICE

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## WINTER HAVEN – Alert Neighbor Calls In Burglary In Progress Resulting In Three Arrests with K-9 Capture

Winter Haven Police arrested three men for burglary at three locations when an alert neighbor called in suspicious activity at a residence.

On 5-1-15 at approximately 3 p.m., a 9-1-1 call was received regarding a burglary in progress at 999 14th St. Northwest in Winter Haven. The neighbor at 998 14th St. NE witnessed a black Nissan in the driveway of the victim's residence. The neighbor witnessed a black male go to the front door and knock numerous times, without any answer. The witness continued to watch and saw two more black males exit from the passenger side and the back seat of the vehicle. The witness saw the passengers of the vehicle walk to the rear of the residence, entering an enclosed fenced-in area. At this point, the witness called 9-1-1 to report the suspicious activity.

As police arrived in the area minutes later, one of the males, 20 year-old Keith Samuel (address unknown at this time) saw the patrol car and got back into the vehicle and attempted to flee in the black Nissan. Samuel was quickly stopped by Officer Mark Frazier, with his K-9 Ranger. Samuel was detained by another Winter Haven officer while Officer Frazier and K-9 Ranger

continued to the residence to locate the other two suspects.

K-9 Ranger and Officer Frazier continued searched the neighborhood and K-9 Ranger tracked to 200 College Grove Circle NE, where 19 year-old Anthony Davon Groover (Winter Haven) was located inside of a shed within a contained

fenced-in back yard. Officer Frazier announced his presence and gave a verbal announcement of a K-9 warning. Officer Frazier saw Groover inside of the shed

and announced the K-9 presence again. With no response from Groover, K-9 Ranger was deployed and ultimately apprehended Groover.

Winter Haven officers continued to search the area for the third suspect seen by the witness. Each home and yard was being searched when 20 year-old Austin Benton (Lake Wales) was found hiding in a large area of bushes located in the

enclosed fenced area of a residence (1221 Lake Elbert Dr. Winter Haven).

Benton was immediately taken into custody.

Groover was taken to Winter Haven Hospital and treated for bite wounds from the K-9 apprehension and was released. Ultimately, all three suspects were charged and booked into the Polk County Jail.

Anthony Davon Groover: Burglary of Unoccupied Structure (F3) and Violation of Probation (for Attempted Burglary on 1-9-15)

Austin V. Benton: 2 counts of Burglary of Unoccupied Structure (F3)

Resisting Arrest Without Violence (M1)

Brian Keith Samuel: Burglary Occupied Structure (F2)