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WINTER HAVEN – Calls from residents about someone running through yards and jumping fences was instrumental in officers capturing 27 year-old Danta Sherod Primus (DOB 1-27-87, 207 Evergreen Place, SW, Winter Haven) charging him with two business burglaries and grand theft.

In the early morning hours of 3-22-14, two separate burglaries were reported in the southwest/southeast area of Winter Haven. The first occurred at AT&T (5:55 a.m.), located at 1107 3rd St. SW with the second following at the Sprint Store (7:13 a.m.), located at 775 Cypress Gardens Blvd., SE.

Video surveillance from both stores shows a suspect break a window with a large rock and enter the stores. In both videos, the subject was wearing a white cloth around his head and hands, red long-sleeved sweatshirt, dark pants and gray shoes. The subject was carrying a black and blue Cookie Monster backpack.

At 7:43 a.m. while responding to the call at the Sprint store, officers spotted someone matching the description of the suspect in the AT&T burglary leaving the area of the Sprint Store on a bicycle. Officers located the bike a short time later between houses along Citrus Dr. S.E. Moments later, a citizen called 9-1-1 from the Cypress Gardens Blvd. SE area reporting a male wearing dark shorts running behind residences.

Additional calls came in from concerned residents as the subject continued running behind homes. With the assistance of a K9 and the Polk County Sheriff's Office helicopter, Danta Primus was located and arrested in the Heather Glenn area in SE Winter Haven. Primus was wearing gray shoes, dark shorts and dark socks as seen in the video.

A Cookie Monster backpack was later located in the bed of a pickup truck parked along Cypress Gardens Blvd., SE. The contents of the backpack included a long sleeved red sweatshirt, computer parts, burglary tools and a wallet with the Florida identification card issued to Danta Primus.

Primus was booked in the Polk County Jail on two counts each of Burglary and Grand Theft. He was also charged with one count each of Possession of Burglary Tools and Loitering and Prowling.