



NEWS RELEASE

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FALSE IMPRISONMENT / ROBBERY ARREST

May 7, 2009 - On May 6, 2009, at approximately 9:28pm, a Jupiter Police Department marked patrol vehicle was struck by a 1995 Toyota Camry while the patrol vehicle was occupied by a Jupiter Police Officer. The patrol vehicle was parked in a parking lot on Marina Isle Way (Marina Section of The Bluffs). Immediately prior to the crash the officer observed a white male running away from the vehicle. Following the crash, the officer approached the driver's side door of the Camry and observed a second white male exiting the rear passenger compartment of the vehicle and running away. The driver of the vehicle, later identified as Rhiannon Kathryn Hutton (DOB 12/12/1988), stayed inside the vehicle and advised that the two male subjects had been arguing inside the vehicle.

Officers from the Jupiter Police Department initiated an area search for the two male subjects. Officers located a subject who was walking on Marcinski Road and was found to be bleeding from his head and his back. The subject/victim advised that he had asked the driver of the Camry, Hutton, for a ride to Bluffs Plaza and, while he was in the front passenger seat of the vehicle, he was struck in the head by a male subject who occupied the rear seat of the vehicle. The victim stated that the male subject demanded his money/property and the victim attempted to jump out of the vehicle. While exiting the vehicle, the victim was shot in the back.

A perimeter was established and officers from the Jupiter Police Department, including three K9 officers, were assisted by members of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's office, including their helicopter, and members of the Florida Wildlife Commission in their continued search for the second subject. However, immediate attempts to locate the subject were unsuccessful.

The victim was transported to St. Mary's Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. Hutton was arrested and charged with false imprisonment and robbery. She was booked into the Palm Beach County Jail. The officer who occupied the patrol vehicle involved in the crash did not sustain any injuries.

The incident is still under investigation. Anyone with information is asked to contact Sergeant Reggie Scurry at 561-746-6201.

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