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NEWS RELEASE

Seminole County Sheriff's Office arrests bank robbery suspect

Seminole Co. Fla., (December 16, 2015) - The Seminole County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) arrested a man involved in a bank robbery that occurred this morning at the Chase Bank, located at 837 Village Oak Lane in unincorporated Lake Mary.

Just before 9:00 a.m., the suspect, later identified as Joshua Rosario Morales, 31, of Orlando, entered the bank and presented a note demanding cash from the teller. The suspect did not have a weapon, nor did he imply that he had one. The teller complied with the suspect's demands and handed him an undisclosed amount of cash. The suspect fled the bank on foot then entered a white vehicle parked in an adjacent parking lot. A bank employee provided the dispatcher a description of the vehicle and suspect's direction of travel. Two deputies nearby immediately spotted the vehicle and followed it onto westbound Interstate 4 via the S.R. 46A entrance ramp.

Deputies continued to follow the suspect vehicle as he drove erratically through heavy traffic. The vehicle exited onto S.R. 434, heading westbound towards Wekiva Springs. The suspect vehicle hit another motorist at the intersection of S.R. 434 and Montgomery Road, and continued to flee. The motorist was not injured and the vehicle sustained only minor damage. The suspect vehicle ended up crashing into a power pole near the intersection of Wekiva Springs Road and Sweetwater Club Blvd. The suspect was immediately taken into custody. He received minor injuries but in an abundance of caution, was transported to Orlando Regional Medical Center for evaluation. Upon medical clearance, he will be transported to jail.

Morales faces possible charges of robbery without a firearm or weapon, fleeing and eluding, and driving on a suspended license with knowledge (habitual). Less than two months earlier, this bank was robbed by a man fitting a similar description and investigators are looking into a possible connection between the two.

His booking photo is not available at this time. Surveillance photos of Morales are attached to this release. The surveillance video and robbery 911 call have been uploaded to our media ftp site. To access the site go to <http://www.seminolesheriff.org/administration/Login.aspx>
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Both the hit and run crash that occurred at State Road 434 and Montgomery Road and the suspect vehicle crash that occurred at Wekiwa Springs Road and Sweetwater Club Blvd. are being investigated by the Florida Highway Patrol (FHP).

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