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SCSO arrests 45 in holiday safety operations

Seminole Co. (Dec. 24, 2016) – The Seminole County Sheriff’s Office (SCSO) today announced the arrest of 45 subjects in a series of coordinated holiday safety operations designed to stop retail theft and economic crime, and prevent burglaries. The operations took place over the past month in various commercial and residential areas across the county. A list of the individuals arrested is attached.

During the commercial operations, deputies patrolled retail establishments and plain clothes investigators embedded themselves inside stores. Working in conjunction with merchants and loss prevention teams, deputies arrested shoplifters as they left stores with stolen items. The operations resulted in 17 arrests for theft; hundreds of dollars of merchandise recovered, 18 drug possession charges, 10 traffic related arrests, and recovered a stolen vehicle out of South Carolina. In the residential operations, crime analysts identified communities that had been recently victimized and developed a forecast of possible locations for additional burglaries. Investigators and deputies then began proactive patrols in those areas.

In addition to enforcement efforts, SCSO distributed hundreds of holiday door hangers and greeting cards. The greeting card is a traditional holiday poem with a fun twist to deliver crime prevention tips and also includes a list of our year-round safety services.

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