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SEMINOLE COUNTY

NEWS RELEASE

Two injured in fiery crash after committing Target burglary

Seminole Co. Fla., (December 27, 2016) - The Seminole County Sheriff's Office is investigating a burglary to the Target store located at 4155 W. Lake Mary Blvd., in unincorporated Lake Mary.

Deputies were dispatched to the store at approximately 2:23 a.m. this morning for a report of a burglary in progress. Dispatchers advised that six subjects had made entry into the store and were stealing items out of the electronics department. The suspects then left the store with the stolen merchandise and entered a maroon vehicle and a black Toyota Corolla parked outside.

Arriving deputies spotted the suspect vehicles as they were leaving the parking lot. The maroon vehicle believed to be occupied by four of the suspects, sped off and fled the area. Deputies attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the black Toyota, but the driver failed to yield and continued to flee in a reckless manner. Deputies then disengaged and did not pursue the vehicle. Minutes later, dispatchers received a call of a crash near Alauqua Lakes Blvd. and Markham Woods Road in which the black Toyota struck a tree and caught fire. A deputy pulled one suspect from the passenger side of the vehicle. The suspect sustained serious injuries as a result of the crash and was transported to a local hospital in critical condition. The driver of the vehicle attempted to conceal himself in nearby bushes but was located with the assistance of our Alert helicopter. He was taken into custody without further incident and transported to a local hospital in stable condition.

The investigation remains active and ongoing and the names of the suspects are not being released at this time. Once medically cleared by doctors, they will be booked into the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and their names will then be available for release. Anyone with information about this crime is urged to call CrimeLine at 1-800-423-TIPS or the Seminole County Sheriff's Office at 407-665-6650.

Please click [here](#) to access the Alert helicopter video of the apprehension of the driver and 911 calls related to the event.

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