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For Immediate Release:

Today's Date: April 5, 2006
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Release #: 2006-137
Case #: 2006-4070
Incident Date: April 5, 2006
Incident Time: 12:08 A.M.
Incident Location: 21722 SE 65th Avenue, Hawthorne, FL 32640

Aggravated Kidnapping:

At around midnight, ACSO received a 911 phone call from a distraught female in the Hawthorne area. The caller stated that a subject known to her had kidnapped one of her foster children and stolen her car.

The victim advised that she was punched in the face by the suspect after she struggled with him as he tried to steal her vehicle. The victim stated that she pleaded with the suspect to allow her foster children out of the vehicle before he fled the scene. A seven year old child was able to get out of the vehicle before it was stolen, but a three year old victim was trapped inside. While fleeing the residence, the suspect struck an oak tree and left the scene.

A BOLO was issued to surrounding counties and ACSO was notified a short time later that the stolen vehicle was located in Putnam County after being involved in a traffic crash. The three year old child was located at the scene with minor injuries, but the suspect, Terrance Gillins, B/M, 10/26/75, had fled the scene on foot.

The Putnam County Sheriff's Office requested assistance from the ACSO with establishing a perimeter. In addition to establishing a perimeter, the ACSO Air Unit and a K-9 Unit responded to the scene in an attempt to locate Gillins. Several hours later, Gillins was located and apprehended by an ACSO K-9, "Yokey," after refusing verbal commands to surrender. Gillins received minor injuries as a result of the K-9 apprehension.

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Gillins was arrested by the Putnam County Sheriff's Office on a host of charges including: Aggravated Kidnapping, Strong Armed Robbery, Grand Theft, and Battery. Gillins is also a registered sex offender.