



# NEWS RELEASE



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**For Immediate Release:**

**Today's Date:** November 30, 2006  
**Prepared By:** Sergeant Keith Faulk  
**Release #:** 2006-200  
**Case #:** 06-015062/15077/15083  
**Incident Date:** November 29, 2006  
**Incident Time:** 2:57 A.M.  
**Incident Location:** Numerous Gainesville, Alachua, Gilchrist, Levy County addresses

**Suspects arrested in rash of vehicle burglaries:**

Detectives from the Alachua County Sheriff's Office received a break in the rash of vehicle burglaries that have occurred over the last several months within western Alachua County. Detectives from the Levy County Sheriff's Office contacted ACSO after one of their own was a victim of a vehicle burglary where among other things, a 40 caliber Sig Sauer semiautomatic pistol and a Bushmaster 223 caliber rifle were stolen. Levy County Detectives were able to quickly develop intelligence leading to a Newberry address. Detective Christian Goodman was able to interview the stepfather of one of the suspects. While Goodman was present, the juvenile arrived at the residence and an interview was conducted with him. The juvenile admitted not only to taking part in the theft of the firearms but confessed to over 75 other vehicle burglaries. An 18 year old accomplice was also implicated. Upon being confronted with the information, he too, confessed to the burglaries. Detectives Goodman, Tony Simoneaux and Kathy Long were able to recover the two guns along with thousands of dollars worth of other merchandise ranging from cell phones, satellite radio receivers, digital cameras, car stereo systems and lap top computers.

Seventeen year old Hans David Hatfield, W/M 10/01/89, of 25918 SW 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Newberry, was arrested and charged with Felony Possession of a Controlled Substance. Eighteen year old Richard Charles Hughes, W/M 02/13/88 of 1802 SW 69<sup>th</sup> Terrace was arrested for two counts of Grand Theft of a Firearm and one count of Grand theft. Detectives anticipate filing numerous burglary, grand theft and dealing in stolen property charges on the two suspects, as soon as it can be determined who owns the property that was recovered.