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## SUSPECT COMMITS ARMED ROBBERY LESS THAN THREE WEEKS AFTER OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING

### WHO:

Sylvester Brown (Arrested)

DOB: 7-22-95

Clearwater, Fla.

CHARGE: Armed Robbery

Steffon Birks (Arrested)

DOB: 2-9-91

Clearwater, Fla.

CHARGE: Armed Robbery & Poss. of Marijuana

Jose Rios (Victim)

DOB: 9-14-77

Clearwater, Fla.

### WHAT:

Armed Robbery

Seized: 2002 Chevrolet Cavalier

### WHEN:

October 30, 2010

1:02 a.m.

### WHERE:

1340 Franklin Street

Clearwater, Fla.

### SUMMARY:

Clearwater Police Officers were in the above listed area when they witnessed four black males commit an armed robbery on the victim. The suspects fled in a 2002 Chevrolet Cavalier. A perimeter was established in the area of 1255 Jeffords St. (El Camino Apartments) after the suspect vehicle was abandoned in the parking lot and all four suspects fled on foot. Clearwater and Largo K-9 units located and apprehend two suspects





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hiding in a garbage can a short distance away from the abandoned vehicle. Police are trying to identify and locate the two additional suspects.

One of the arrested suspects, Sylvester Brown, was involved in an officer-involved shooting on October 12. He sustained non-life threatening injuries after a police officer fired at the vehicle in which he was riding when the driver tried to hit two police officers.

