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GRAND THEFT SUSPECT TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AFTER JUMPING INTO THE INTRACOASTAL TO AVOID ARREST

WHO: Jonathan Hansen (Arrested)
DOB 9-23-83
LKA: 1763 Ridgewood St.
Clearwater, Fla.

WHAT: Grand Theft Arrest (3 counts)
Resisting Arrest w/o Violence

WHEN: July 23, 2009
12:46 p.m.

WHERE: Marshall Street and Sunset Drive
Clearwater, Fla.

WHY: Clearwater Police were looking for a grand theft suspect. They located him in the area of Marshall Street and Sunset Drive. When police began to approach the suspect, the suspect ran and jumped into the Intracoastal to avoid arrest.

Police contacted the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and Coast Guard for assistance. After about 15 minutes of being in the water, the suspect boarded a civilian's boat. Concerned for the safety of the boater, police officers asked another boater permission to board his vessel at the Seminole Boat Docks.

Officers drove out to meet the other boat and took the suspect into custody without incident. The suspect had been swimming/treading water for about 15 minutes and apparently got tired and boarded the other boat with help. The boater who loaned police his vessel is named Michael Parker from The Villages, Fla.





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The suspect faces three counts of grand theft. On July 15, 2009, the suspect stole a Dyson vacuum (\$550 value) from Bed Bath & Beyond at 23668 US Hwy 19. Two days later he returned to the store and stole another Dyson vacuum (\$550 value). On July 20, 2009, he stole a Lorex Video Surveillance System (\$1,999 value) from Comp USA at 23656 US Hwy 19. Additional charges are pending.

