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MORE CHARGES FOR POLICE IMPERSONATOR AND RAPE SUSPECT

WHO: James Blue (Arrested/Additional Charges)

B/M DOB 11-08-68

11574 104th Street North

Largo, Fla.

ADDITIONAL CHARGES:

Impersonating a Police Officer

Sexual Battery

Kidnapping

29-year-old female (Victim)

WHAT: Additional charges added for police impersonator and rape suspect

WHEN: November 2008 (no exact date reported)

Between 5:00 – 5:30 a.m.

WHERE: 1600 Block of Druid Road

Clearwater, Fla.

WHY: Clearwater Police Detectives have linked James Blue to an additional case of sexual battery, kidnapping and impersonating a police officer. The circumstances are similar to two cases for which he was previously arrested (see Releases 09-012 and 09-018).

Blue picked up the victim in the 1600 block of Druid Road. He displayed a fake police badge and coerced the victim to get into his vehicle, where he raped her. To protect the identity of the victim, Florida Statute 119.071(2)(h)1 prohibits the release of any further information.

Blue is currently being held at the Pinellas County jail on similar charges. The additional charges of Sexual Battery, Kidnapping and Impersonating a Police Officer were added Friday.

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