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Improper Tag Nets Arrest for Drugs and Stolen Gun

On July 1, 2021, Leon County Sheriff's Office deputies patrolling the residential area of Ballard Road in southwest Leon County observed a Toyota passenger car bearing a license plate not assigned to the vehicle. Deputies attempted a traffic stop on the vehicle which stopped in the 1200 block of My Oh my Lane. The driver and an occupant, 27-year-old Kelveonta Dennis, exited the vehicle and fled on foot. Both the driver and Dennis were apprehended shortly after.

While conducting the investigation, deputies smelled the odor of marijuana emitting from the stopped vehicle. Both the driver and Dennis told deputies they did not currently possess a medical marijuana card. During a search of the vehicle, deputies located a backpack on the floorboard of the front passenger seat. Located inside the backpack were plastic baggies containing approximately 17 grams of a blue-green leafy substance. A field test of the substance was positive for synthetic cannabis. Also, inside the backpack was a black Taurus handgun that was determined to be reported stolen to the Tallahassee Police Department. Other items inside the backpack confirmed to have Dennis' name printed on them and was also located in the area deputies learned Dennis was seated inside the vehicle.

Deputies confirmed Dennis was a convicted felon and is not allowed to be in possession of any firearms or ammunition.

The handgun was seized, and the driver was released on scene.

Dennis was arrested and transported to the Leon County Detention Facility.



ARRESTED: Kelveonta Dennis

DOB: 7/10/93

CHARGES: Grand Theft Firearm

Carrying Concealed Weapon Unlicensed

Possession of Synthetic Cannabinoids

Possession of Weapon or Ammo by Convicted Felon

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