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Suspect Dies from Self-Inflicted Gun Shot Wound Following String of Armed Robberies

On March 10, just before 9:30 p.m., deputies with the Leon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) responded to a report of an armed robbery at a business located in the 5600 block of Capital Circle Northwest. The investigation identified 25-year-old Demarquez Patterson as the suspect. Patterson entered the business with a firearm and demanded money from a store employee. Patterson fled the scene prior to deputies arriving.

Later that evening, just after 11:30 p.m., officers with the Tallahassee Police Department attempted to make contact with Patterson at his residence. When officers arrived outside of the residence, Patterson was seen getting into a vehicle and driving off. LCSO deputies attempted a traffic stop, but Patterson fled at a high rate of speed and eventually crashed into a power pole at the intersection of Mission Road and Mission Trail.

After the crash, Patterson got out of the vehicle and ran north on Mission Road, while pointing a handgun at his head. An LCSO deputy released his K9, who bit Patterson during apprehension. During this time, a shot was heard, and Patterson was located with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Deputies and TPD officers immediately rendered aid, but Patterson later succumbed to his injuries at a local hospital. A search warrant was executed at Patterson's home where evidence was seized. The circumstances surrounding the suspect's death are unfortunate and every loss of human life impacts the community.

Deceased:

Demarquez Patterson, 25.

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