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*****UPDATE*****

Seminole County (April 19, 2024) – At a press conference held this afternoon, Sheriff Dennis Lemma announced a person of interest in the armed carjacking/homicide case has been taken into custody. Jordanish Torres-Garcia (DOB 7/29/1995) was arrested just after noon today by the United States Marshals Services on unrelated charges. Torres-Garcia was transported to the Seminole County Sheriff's Office to be questioned by Detectives.

The investigation revealed Torres-Garcia is connected to the green Acura used in the crime. In addition, Torres-Garcia's Facebook profile photo showed him wearing the same mask and outfit as the suspect in the carjacking video.

The investigation also revealed a connection between Katherine and Giovany Joel Crespo Hernandez (DOB 8/28/1996), an individual possibly known to her. A search warrant was obtained for a home at 1440 Guinevere Drive in Casselberry where Hernandez and his girlfriend, Monicsabel Romero Soto (DOB 05/03/1996), reside. During the execution of the search warrant trafficking amounts of Fentanyl, money, and a firearm (not believed to be connected to the carjacking) were discovered.

At the time the search warrant was being executed, Soto accepted a controlled delivery by Homeland Security Investigations containing three kilos of cocaine and was ultimately arrested in Osceola County. Hernandez is still outstanding and has an active warrant for Fentanyl trafficking. Anyone with information on his whereabouts is urged to contact Crimeline at (800) 423-TIPS (8477) or text to **TIPS (8477), or call the Seminole County Sheriff's Office at (407) 665-6650. Calls made to Crimeline remain anonymous, and tips that lead to the felony arrest of suspects are eligible for cash rewards of up to \$1,000.

A video of Sheriff Lemma's press briefing, and case-related photos can be found here:

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Suspects Sought in Armed Carjacking, Homicide of Woman Believed to be from Homestead

Seminole County (April 12, 2024) – Seminole County Major Crimes detectives are looking for suspects involved in the armed carjacking and murder of a Homestead woman whose body was discovered inside the burned remains of her SUV.

The victim is believed to be 31-year-old Katherine Altagracia Guerrero De Aguasvivas of Homestead, who was the driver in Thursday's incident. "Because the body was badly burned, we will need DNA and dental records to make a positive identification," said Sheriff Dennis Lemma. "But we strongly believe it's her."

Just before 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, a witness recorded a possible carjacking in progress at the intersection of East Lake Drive and Tuskawilla Road in the Winter Springs area of unincorporated Seminole County. In the video, an armed suspect, believed to be a white or Hispanic male in a black hoodie, what appears to be a ski or ninja-style mask, and dark clothing, can be seen pointing a weapon at the driver of a white Dodge Durango, before getting into the back driver's side door. A second suspect drove immediately behind the Durango in a green Acura sedan with a partially-obscured license plate. "We're incredibly concerned about that Acura," said Sheriff Lemma. "Both occupants should be considered armed and dangerous."

At approximately 7:00 p.m. witnesses in Osceola County reported hearing gunshots, then later discovering what is believed to be the victim's carjacked vehicle that had been set on fire. Sheriff Lemma said the Acura was seen repeatedly ramming the back of the Durango shortly before the carjacking. The victim called her husband who told her not to stop. "To not call 911? I don't have the answer to that," said Sheriff Lemma. "Be aware of your surroundings. And know how you would react. Fight or flight."

The victim's husband said she was in the area to visit family. Investigators so far, have not been able to locate any in the Central Florida area.

This remains an active and ongoing investigation at this time. Updates will be provided when they become available.

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