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### **Burglary suspect caught wearing victim's shoes and wielding stolen shotgun**

Seminole Co. – (February 16, 2017), on Wednesday at approximately 8 p.m., Seminole County Sheriff's deputies responded to the 200 block of Nova Road, in unincorporated Sanford, for a report of a residential burglary. Upon arrival, deputies spoke to the victims, who indicated they had returned home after being gone most of the day and noticed the front door was unlocked. They then discovered belongings inside the home were disturbed and several items were missing, including a shotgun, numerous pieces of jewelry, and a pair of black Nike tennis shoes.

Cameras located on the property showed the male suspect entering the carport area of the residence at around 2:15 p.m. He was again observed in the carport at 2:31 p.m. carrying a shotgun and the Nike shoes. The suspect was wearing stained blue jeans, a black baseball cap, and black gloves.

He was not wearing a shirt or shoes, and had multiple tattoos on his chest, arms, and back.

At approximately 9:30 p.m., a citizen reported a man holding a shotgun was attempting to stop motorists near the intersection of S.R. 46 and Longwood Markham Road. A deputy arrived on scene and confronted the suspect who immediately fled on foot into a nearby wooded area. A perimeter was established and the suspect was quickly located with the assistance of our Alert helicopter. The suspect, identified as Stanley Cookston, 45, of Ocoee, was taken into custody without further incident. Cookston was armed with the victim's stolen shotgun and was wearing the victim's black Nike shoes.

The Alert helicopter video of the apprehension can be accessed [here](#).

Cookston was charged with Armed Burglary, Theft of a Firearm, Grant Theft, Criminal Mischief, Resisting Arrest, Probation Violation, and multiple weapon offenses. He was booked into the John E. Polk Correctional Facility and remains incarcerated on a no bond status.

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