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### Two arrested for stealing downed power lines

Seminole Co.- (September 18, 2017) – Seminole County deputies have arrested two suspects for stealing downed power lines while power was out in an Altamonte Springs neighborhood.

The investigation began on September 16, when a resident reported two suspects on his property on Academy Drive without permission, cutting downed power lines. The pole supporting the lines snapped in half during Hurricane Irma. Power was out and the neighborhood was dark. The suspects were cutting and damaging lines belonging to a local power company, to facilitate storing it in the back of their truck. Further investigation revealed at least \$5,000 worth of downed power lines cut up and placed in the back of the vehicle.

Upon further questioning, deputies developed probable cause to search the vehicle for drugs. Marijuana and methamphetamine were located in the truck along with drug paraphernalia. Deputies arrested the suspects 41 year-old Charles Mahoy and 45 year-old Andrea Foster both of Altamonte Springs, on charges of Larceny during a State of Emergency, Criminal Mischief and drug possession and transported them to the John E. Polk Correctional Facility without incident.

**Arrestees:**

*Charles Wayne Mahoy (11/10/75)*

*Andrea Foster (05/06/72)*

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