

NEWS RELEASE

SCSO seeks information in baseball bat beating at Longwood restaurant

SEMINOLE CO. (August 28, 2014) -- Investigators with the Seminole County Sheriff's Office are investigating an aggravated battery with a deadly weapon which occurred early Sunday morning in the parking lot of the Graffiti Junktion bar and restaurant in Longwood.

On August 24 at approximately 2:20 a.m., deputies responded to the Graffiti Junktion on Wekiva Springs Road after receiving a call that a man had been hit in the head with a baseball bat. Arriving deputies found the victim on the ground and bleeding heavily from a head injury. The victim was transported to a local hospital with serious injuries.

Investigators determined that the victim was involved in a fight with two males at the bar, which later escalated and resulted in a second confrontation during which the victim was beaten in the head with a baseball bat. The suspects then fled the location.

Surveillance footage (video and photo) of the suspects is attached. Investigators believe the two Hispanic males wearing hats were involved in the altercation and are interested in identifying them, as well as any other of the possible witnesses pictured in the photo. Anyone with information about the identity of these individuals is asked to call CrimeLine 1-800-423-TIPS or Investigator EvaMarie Multari with Seminole County Sheriff's Office at (407) 665-6973.

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