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SUSPECT ARRESTED FOR OVERNIGHT BURGLARY DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY

(Temple Terrace, FL, Sept. 10, 2017) – A man was arrested for an overnight burglary in Temple Terrace during the State of Emergency. Jonathan Smalls, 31, of Tampa, was apprehended after Temple Terrace Police responded at 1:43 a.m. Sunday to a hit and run crash at the DTLR Clothing Store, 9233 North 56th Street.

The initial report advised that a vehicle struck the building and fled. When police arrived on scene, they learned that the vehicle, a dark colored pickup truck, smashed through the front of the store and stole a large quantity of clothing.

Police immediately located the vehicle traveling west on Busch Boulevard and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The vehicle refused to stop. A short distance later the suspect lost control and crashed into a street sign on 40th Street near Seward Street.

The suspect then exited the vehicle and ran from the scene. After a brief foot-chase, the suspect was arrested. Additional investigation revealed that the pickup truck was stolen and the back of the truck contained stolen clothing from DTLR and stolen shoes from Shoe Mountain on Fowler Avenue in Tampa.

Charges include: Burglary of a business structure during State of Emergency; Grand theft during State of Emergency; Fleeing & attempting to elude police, and Resisting an officer without violence.

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