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Halloween unlucky for burglary suspects

By Sherry Brunson
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Monday was not a lucky day for two men who tried to burglarize an Apopka home.

According to reports from the Apopka Police Department, Seminole County Deputy M. Swingholm was returning to

his Apopka home Monday, October 31, at 9:55 a.m. when he noticed a silver pick-up truck parked in a neighboring driveway.

The owner of the residence, Don Wood, is the grandfather of Swingholm's girlfriend and he knew the truck didn't belong to Wood, so he stopped to investigate.

When Swingholm got out to see what was going on, he observed a black male, later identified as Willie E. Harpe, 57, in the driver's seat of the truck, and another black male, later identified as Marcus A. Williams, 26, loading a flat

screen television into the truck.

When Swingholm, who was in uniform, identified himself as a police officer, Williams fled the scene. Swingholm held Harpe at gunpoint until the APD arrived.

The front door of the residence had been kicked in and the frame was cracked. Meanwhile, Wood had been alerted of a problem by ADT, a security company, about an alarm at his residence, so he returned home to see what was going on. He affirmed that the television was his.

The APD created a crime-scene perimeter and brought

out their K-9 unit and other officers to hunt for Williams. Swingholm said he could positively identify Williams, as did the next door neighbor who saw Williams run through her back yard.

Thanks to reports from several witnesses who saw Williams within the perimeter, the burglar was apprehended several hours later at approximately 3:22 p.m.

Harpe was charged with burglary of an unoccupied dwelling. Williams was charged with burglary of an unoccupied dwelling and resisting arrest without violence.

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Final meeting set for county districts

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The people of Orange County have one last chance to give an opinion before new county commission districts are voted into existence by the County Commission on Tuesday, November 15 at 10 a.m. at the Commission Chambers

on the first floor of the County Administrative Center, 201 S. Rosalind Avenue, Orlando.

"The addresses in the large part of Northwest Orange County will not see substantial changes," said District 2 Commissioner Fred Brummer. "There will be little impact on Apopka, Zellwood or Tangerine."

Brummer said northeast Ocoee, the Pine Hills area, and those who live near Lake Apopka and McCormick Road, are proposed additions to District 2, which includes Apopka and Northwest Orange County.

The first election scheduled after redistricting, Brummer said, will be an August 2012 primary election.

Money: Brummer said he was 'embarrassed' by city's actions

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the city of Apopka and much of unincorporated Northwest Orange County are in the Wekiva springshed.

The Wekiva Study Area, which was a product of the Wekiva Parkway Act passed by the Florida Legislature several years ago, has areas, depending on geography and other issues, designated as primary, secondary, and tertiary springshed protection zones. Because of that, Brummer said, the Class 1 landfill on Keene Road would be "prohibited under Orange County ordinances."

Richard Anderson, Apopka's chief administrative officer, said there has been no application for change in status filed by Waste Management. The Apopka City Council two

weeks ago approved the host agreement, a financial document outlining the revenues that would come to the city, if the change in status is approved.

Brummer brought up the issue for discussion at the November 1 County Commission meeting. During the general public comment portion of the meeting, about 10 people spoke to the commission, saying they were against the change in status of the Apopka landfill. "They were absolutely just mortified and upset" at the proposal, Brummer said.

The county commissioner said he was "embarrassed that this item should be coming up at the behest of the city of Apopka."

Brummer said County Mayor Jacobs said she will

meet with Apopka Mayor John H. Land and Anderson on December 2. "My presumption is she feels on December 3 this will all be resolved," Brummer said.

Assuming Waste Management continues with its efforts to change the landfill to Class 1 status, the state Department of Environmental Protection must approve the change and the city must also give final approval. That process can take up to a year, officials said.

However, Brummer's contention that the county charter trumps what he says is a weaker city ordinance could change that process if it holds up legally.

The landfill was originally in the unincorporated area, meaning Orange County had control over the business. But, Apopka annexed the landfill into the city several years ago. "We annexed it so we would have control over it," said Richard Anderson, Apopka's chief administrative officer.

Brummer contends that the location of the landfill is key.

"If this was at Errol Estate or Rock Springs Ridge and they wanted to upgrade it to a Class 1 garbage dump, and all the revenue and impacts were the same, this would not be under discussion," Brummer said. It's because of where it is and who it impacts, and that is the only way to say it."

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