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By MIKE BLASKY and BRIAN HAYNES LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

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Florida: Woman forced to perform sex act shoots suspect with own gun

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Fort Pierce, Florida

From the Palm Beach Post of May 18, 2010

Woman forced to perform sex act shoots suspect with own gun

A 19-year-old man was arrested after a woman told police the armed man sexually battered her before she took his gun and fired, apparently hitting him in the leg, according to a recently released affidavit.

Major Lee Barnes, of the 1200 block of North 19th Street in Fort Pierce, faces sexual battery, robbery with a firearm and possession of a weapon by a convicted felon charges after the May 14 incident that happened about 12:02 a.m.

A Fort Pierce police officer went to the area of North 10th Street at Avenue H following a complaint of a man shooting a handoun in the air and was flagged down by the reported sexual attack victim

She said she was walking in the area of North 10th Street at Orange Avenue when a man on a bicycle approached. The man offered her money for sex, an offer she declined

He pointed a handoun at her and told her to take off her pants. She said the man searched her private area for money and stole her cellular phone. The man told her to get on her knees and perform a sex act on him. She was intimidated by the armed man and did so.

During the sex act, she saw the handgun, which the man put in his pocket "as he put his arms back in an apparent relaxed gesture," the affidavit states

She grabbed the weapon and pointed it at him. The man charged toward her, and she fired before the man fled the

The victim said she wasn't sure whether the man was hit, but said he "leaned over his leg as if she hit him."

Friends of Barnes' apparently took him to the emergency room with a gunshot wound to the right leg.

Barnes told investigators he was walking in the area of North 17th Street and heard three shots and ran. Barnes said he felt he got hit in his right leg. He later said he was lying and that he found a gun. He said he heard a male say his name and heard shots fired at him. He said he threw the gun.

Barnes was held Tuesday morning in the St. Lucie County jail in lieu of \$1,050,000 bail, a jail official said.

Thanks to Matt and Charlie for sending in this story!

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Arkansas: Robber shot with his own gun at Pine Bluff, Ark., fastfood restaurant





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Pine Bluff, Arkansas

From KFSM of May 18, 2010

Robber shot with his own gun at Pine Bluff, Ark., fastfood restaurant

Police say a man who tried to rob a Pine Bluff fast-food restaurant was shot by his own gun.

A police report says officers responded to a robbery in progress call at a Burger King about 11 p.m. Monday. Officers said they arrested 22-year-old Jason Robinson, who had a gunshot wound in one thigh.

According to investigators, an employee said that, after the robber accosted her and demanded money, he put his gun down so he could place the money in a bag. The employee says she grabbed the gun and it fired as she and the robber struggled for it.

She told officers she put the robber in a head-lock and called police.

Robinson was treated at a local hospital and was being held at the Jefferson County jail.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

From MyFoxPhilly of May 15, 2010

Guard's Gunshot Chases Would-Be Robber

There were some tense moments Friday at Frankford Pharmacy.

A woman was sitting in her car on Frankford Avenue when she saw a man ride up on a bike and put a mask over his face. Then, he started to enter the pharmacy.

But the fast-thinking woman alerted a security guard, who fired a shot. The masked man took off on his bike.

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Arizona: Victim's dad confronts suspects after west Valley attack



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Phoenix, Arizona

From ABC15 of May 16, 2010

Victim's dad confronts suspects after west Valley attack

Three men were arrested early Sunday for robbing several victims in the west Valley, according to officials.

Phoenix Police Department spokesman Trent Crump said three Hispanic males were robbing victims along west Valley streets around 12 a.m. The two incidents reportedly occurred on Thomas Road between 59th and 67th avenues.

The three suspects reportedly stole wallets, cell phones, cash, jewelry and iPods from the victims. One of the victims was pistol-whipped during the second armed robbery.

According to Crump, one of the victims returned home and told his father what had happened. The man's father reportedly left the home and went looking for the suspects.

Crump said police apprehended one of the suspects by this time, but the victim's father located the remaining two suspects and confronted them about the robbery.

The suspects reportedly pulled a gun on the man, at which point he also drew a firearm and a shootout began, according to officials.

The victim's father was not shot during the exchange, but did shoot one of the suspects "at least two times," Crump said. One of the teen suspects, Ruben Torres, 18, was reportedly hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries.

Angel Torres and Michael Torres, both 19, have also been taken into custody.

Crump said the suspects are related, but the relationship between them is unclear at this time.

Thanks to Darin for the news tip!

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