

GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
Official Press Release

OCCURRENCE		
WEAPONS VIOLATION (POSSESSING/CONCEALING)		
LOCATION	DATE AND TIME	
2950 SW ARCHER RD, GAINESVILLE	09/30/2015	11:44 PM

Offender(s)

NAME	CITY	AGE
1) JUSTIN ACEVEDO	SEBRING	20

Incident Summary

1. AO: On Wednesday, 09/30/2015, at approximately 2057 hours, I was patrolling the area of 2950 SW Archer Rd, Apartment Hunters/UBREAKIFIX businesses. I was in uniform driving a marked police car with FTO Hall.

2. INV: Upon pulling into the parking lot at 2950 SW Archer Rd I observed a white 2012 Nissan Altima FL REGS (EFHX34) backed into the corner of the parking lot, next to some trees and shrubs with all of the lights off. As I approached the vehicle I could see two occupants, (OF) Justin Acevedo was occupying the drivers seat and (IO) Deiondre Porter was in the front passenger seat.

As I walked towards the vehicle Acevedo opened the drivers side door and stepped out partially. I asked him what he was doing parked in a businesses parking lot when they were closed. Acevedo told me that he was waiting on his friend, (IO) Kevin Alvarado, who worked at Apartment Hunters as a clerk. At this time I was approximately 5 feet from the open car door and could smell a strong odor of cannabis coming from inside the vehicle. Ofc. M. Hall approached the passenger side and spoke with Porter. I asked Acevedo why I smelled the odor and he told me "I was at my friends house and he was smoking weed". Based upon my training and experience I could smell that the cannabis I smelled was unburnt and fresh.

I asked Acevedo who owned the car and he told me "my friend Kevin Alvarado who works here". I then asked if their were any drugs or guns inside of the car and Acevedo told me "no". I asked Acevedo if he had any drugs or weapons on him and he told me "no". I next asked Acevedo if I could search him for weapons and drugs and he told me "yes, I've got nothing on me". As I checked Acevedo for weapons I felt the handle of a handgun in his waistband just above his groin area. Acevedo then said "I didn't think you would find it so I didn't say anything man". Acevedo was placed into double locked handcuffs and I retrieved the handgun, Springfield XD 3.3 45 caliber. The handgun was contained in an inside the pants style holster that had no retention and was loaded with seven rounds in the magazine.

I next went to the passenger side where Ofc. Hall had Porter at gunpoint, took him out of the car and placed him into double locked handcuffs. At this time the owner of the vehicle, Alvarado, came outside from the business Apartment Hunters. I spoke with him and asked if the white Nissan Altima was his and he replied "yes, I let my friend Justin borrow it". I asked him if there was anything inside of the car that he knew about as their was a strong odor of cannabis and he stated "no". I then asked Alvarado if I could search his vehicle and he said "yes, nothings in it". I walked over to Acevedo and again asked him if their was anything inside of the car and he told me "no". I again asked him if I could search the vehicle since he had control of it and he told me "yes, go ahead".

A search of the vehicle revealed another .45 caliber magazine with five rounds in it that was located in the passenger door side pocket as well as a clear plastic baggie containing a green leafy substance that I identified by sight and smell as cannabis in the unlocked glove compartment, which weighed approximately 30 grams.

Post Miranda I asked Acevedo about the cannabis and the handgun. He told me that the cannabis was his for personal use and that Porter nor Alvarado knew about it. He further

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told me that he carries a gun everywhere he goes for his personal protection. He also told me that he was only 20 years old and does not have a concealed weapons permit but that he still carries a gun.

Post Miranda Porter told me that Acevedo picked him up and gave him a ride. He said he had no idea about the cannabis but he did smell it. Porter was released on his own recognizance.

When I asked Alvarado about the cannabis he told me that he does smoke weed but did not know anything was in his car. He further stated that he let Acevedo borrow the car earlier that night.

3. EV: The handgun, two magazines, 12 rounds of ammunition, holster and 30.8 grams of cannabis were placed in a secure locker within the GPD evidence and property room. A firearms trace form accompanied the handgun.

4. SCA: I transported Acevedo to ACSO DOJ where he was booked for Possession of cannabis more than 20 grams, carrying a concealed firearm and carrying a concealed firearm during the commission of a felony.

5. VEH: The vehicle was released to Alvarado on scene.

6. ADD: N/A

Arrest Information

NAME	CHARGE	F / M	COURT DATE
JUSTIN ACEVEDO	1) CONCEALED FIREARM	F	[] Posted Bond & Released [] Held For Court
	2) USE/DISPLAY/CARRY CONCEALED FIREARM/WEAPON DURING FELONY/WHI	F	
	3) POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE	F	