



WINTER HAVEN

The Chain of Lakes City

POLICE DEPARTMENT

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WINTER HAVEN – Winter Haven Police have made two arrests in separate incidents that involved both suspects being booked in the Polk County Jail for possession of drugs that were packaged for sale.

On June 21, 2011 at approximately 8:25 p.m., Christopher E. Paige (B/M, DOB 11-22-83, 1960 5th St., NE) was seen walking in the middle of the road at 5th St. and Ave. T, NE when an officer patrolling the area encountered him and tried to talk with him about impeding traffic. Paige ran from the officer, but was caught after a foot pursuit and eventually being tased. During the course of his attempt to flee, the officer saw Paige throw a brown paper bag on the ground. After Paige was captured, the bag was located and found to contain individual baggies of marijuana ready to be sold.

Paige was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to sell, resisting without force and possession of drug paraphernalia. A check on Paige also uncovered that he had an active warrant for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

In a separate incident on June 22, 2011 at 3:15 a.m., Gybson Verly (B/M, DOB 12-5-73, 125 Ave. T., NE) was pulled over for a vehicle equipment violation in the area of 9th St. and Havendale Blvd. NW. The officer located individual baggies of marijuana and placed Verly under arrest for possession of marijuana with intent to sell.

In these two incidents, the officers recovered close to thirty grams of marijuana that were intended for sale.