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DATE: July 23, 2007

TIME: 7:00 a.m.

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Officer Involved Shooting

On July 23, 2007, at about 1:04 a.m. Officer Dan Gaskin stopped to check on a suspicious person at the Super Inn, 950 6th Street Northwest, Winter Haven, FL.

The suspect made threatening movements towards Officer Gaskin, indicating that he had a weapon (a weapon has not yet been located).

Officer Gaskin fired one shot striking the suspect in the leg. The suspect then fled on foot and was apprehended a short time later. The suspect was transported to the Winter Haven Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The suspect identified himself as Vincent Grant (B/M 03/29/61 - unknown home address). Grant has a history of mental illness and violent confrontations with police.

The case has been turned over to the State Attorney's Office and the Polk County Sheriff's Office for an independent investigation.

Officer Gaskin, who has been with the Winter Haven Police Department since November 2005, has been placed on standard Administrative Leave.

*****End of Media Release*****

