



**WINTER HAVEN**  
*The Chain of Lakes City*  
**POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
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WINTER HAVEN – Winter Haven Police have made two arrests in a weekend armed robbery and drive-by shooting that left one person with minor injuries.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011 at approximately 10:25 p.m., Juan Carlos Ilarraza (H/M, DOB 9/2/90, 748 16<sup>th</sup> St., NE, Winter Haven) and Antonio Rafael Ilarraza (H/M, DOB 8/29/94, 4035 Vista Del Lago Dr., NE, Winter Haven) approached the victim, Merlin Labissiere at a car vacuum area located at the Family Food Mart (223 Ave. T, NE) in Winter Haven. According to the victim (Labissiere), one of the suspects had a gun pointed at him while demanding money. A struggle ensued and the victim was kicked and pistol whipped. During the struggle, the gun went off and both suspects fled the area. Police were unable to locate either suspect at the time.

On Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011 at approximately 1 p.m., the same victim, Labissiere, was talking with an acquaintance in the 1900 block of 5<sup>th</sup> St., NE when Juan Ilarraza drove by and fired a weapon multiple times towards Labissiere. Nobody was hit during the gunfire.

Witnesses were able to identify Juan Ilarraza as the shooter. He was alone in the vehicle at the time of the shooting. Police located both Juan Carlos and Antonio Ilarraza a short time later and both were arrested for the two-day incident.

Juan Carlos was booked into the Polk County Jail for Armed Robbery for the Saturday incident and Attempted Felony Murder for the Sunday incident. He is being held without bail. Antonio was taken to the Polk Juvenile Assessment Center for Armed Robbery in the Saturday incident.