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TWO ARRESTED FOR HOME INVASION/ROBBERY AND ATTACKING ELDERLY PERSON

WHO: Jerald Lee Prater (Arrested)
DOB: 7-3-88
Pinellas Park, Fla.
CHARGES: Robbery
Aggravated Assault on an Elderly Person

Charles J. Corno (Arrested)
DOB: 6-28-80
Clearwater, Fla.
CHARGES: Robbery
Aggravated Assault of an Elderly Person

Clifford Wright (Victim)
DOB 9-9-28
Clearwater, Fla.

WHAT: Home Invasion Robbery/Arrests

WHEN: November 1, 2009
10:55 p.m.

WHERE: 1235 S. Highland Ave. #508
Clearwater, Fla.

WHY: On November 1, 2009, Clifford Wright contacted the Clearwater Police Department and reported that two suspects forced their way into his apartment and stole prescription medication after a violent struggle. Wright was transported to a local hospital for injuries he sustained after being strangled with a rolled up t-shirt during the attack.





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Police identified a suspect in the attack. They located Charles Corno at the Pinellas County Jail and added charges on December 3, 2009. Detectives subsequently located the second suspect, Jerald Prater, who was taken into custody without incident with the assistance of the Pinellas Park Police Department.

Detectives say the attack was not random. The suspects had knowledge that the victim possessed prescription medication.

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