SUBJECT:  Robbery By Sudden Snatching Suspect Arrested  
CR#  CR#11-2111  
DATE OF INCIDENT:  Monday, October 17, 2011  
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NARRATIVE:  
The University of Florida Police Department and the Gainesville Police Department conducted a joint investigation and made an arrest of a Gainesville resident who perpetrated a robbery by sudden snatching on the University of Florida campus. 

At approximately 7:07am, Monday, October 17, 2011, the University of Florida Police Department was called to assist an individual who was leaving her place of work at Shands Hospital when she was approached and confronted/threatened by her ex-boyfriend while she was approaching her car in Garage #10. The victim told officers it was at that time that she was fearful for her safety and attempted to dial 9-1-1. As she was dialing 9-1-1, the ex-boyfriend grabbed the cell phone from her, left the area, and headed off campus into the City of Gainesville. At that point, both the University of Florida Police Department and the Gainesville Police Department established a perimeter in the general area of where the suspect fled. The search continued for the suspect for the next couple of hours until investigative efforts by both agencies led to his location and subsequent arrest.  

Arrested and charged with robbery by sudden snatching and obstructing/intimidating a victim was Devonn A. Sowell, 22, of 2006 NW 55th Ave, Apt. J5 Gainesville, Fl 32653. Mr. Sowell was taken to the Alachua County Jail without further incident. 

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