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## **Burglary Leads to Shooting and Arrest**



The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office has arrested George J. Johnson, DOB 7/27/90, of 2113 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, Sarasota, for Burglary and Grand Theft of a Motor Vehicle.

At 1:54 a.m., deputies responded to a call in the 2100 block of 32<sup>nd</sup> Street reporting a vehicle burglary and shooting. The victim, 62-year-old Walter Gilliam, states that after hearing noises coming from his locked, fenced back yard, he armed himself with a handgun and went to investigate. He was then confronted by two masked suspects.

Gilliam told detectives that he feared for his safety and fired his weapon after he noticed an object in one of the suspect's hands. A juvenile suspect was shot and transported to Sarasota Memorial Hospital where he is being treated for non-life threatening injuries. The second suspect, later identified as Johnson, fled the area but was located at his residence. Charges are pending on the juvenile suspect.

Investigators believe the suspects were attempting to steal one of the vehicles parked in Gilliam's back yard.