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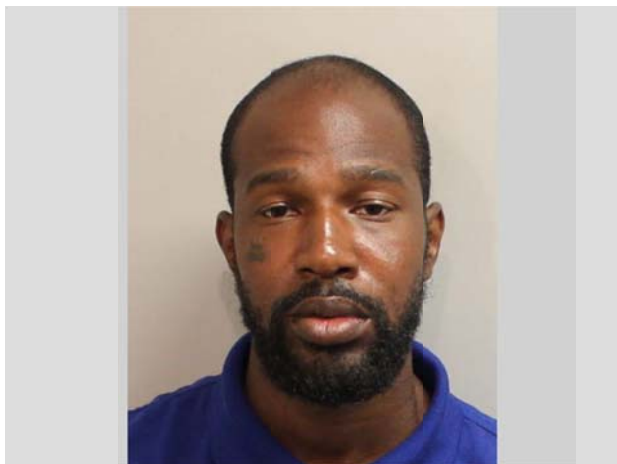
Deputies Arrest Man for Damaging Numerous Statues at Monastery

This morning, Leon County Sheriff's Deputies arrested Ahmad Hinson 28, for breaking into the Vien Guac Buddhist Monastery located at 3909 N. Monroe Street and damaging several statues.

Around 6:30 a.m. Deputies responded to the monastery regarding a potential burglary in progress. When they arrived they saw Hinson standing by a van backed up to the monastery garden. Hinson was immediately taken into custody without incident. Hinson stated god said there are too many "false idols" and he was sent there to "handle" that.

As deputies walked through the monastery they observed numerous items that were damaged. Approximately 25 marble statues and marble ornaments were damaged in the garden area of the monastery. The damage is estimated by the monastery to be approximately \$48,000.

ARRESTED:



Ahmad K. Hinson 28 – Burglary, Grand Theft Motor Vehicle, Criminal Mischief to a Monastery over \$10,000, Petit Theft,

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