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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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**SUBJECT: Let Go app transaction lands Port St. Lucie teen in custody.**

On December 6, 2016, Port St. Lucie Police arrested a 16 year old Port St. Lucie teen for burglary, fraud, unlawful use of a two way communication device, petit theft, and possession of a firearm by a minor after he stole a .357 replica BB gun during a "Let Go" sales transaction.

On December 2, 2016, Port St. Lucie Police went to the 200 block of SE Crosspoint Drive for reports of a theft that occurred during a sales transaction. The 18 year old victim told police that he posted the sale of his Bear River .177 model BB gun on the "Let Go" application. The victim told police that he received a response and the buyer agreed to meet him in the 200 block of SE Crosspoint Drive to buy the BB gun. The victim had his grandmother drive him to the location where he met the 16 year old buyer.

During the transaction the victim showed the 16 year old the BB gun. The 16 year old asked if he could show the BB gun to his brother. The victim took the gun back and declined the teens request. The victim went back to his grandmother's car and put the BB gun in the trunk. The 16 year old suspect grabbed the BB gun from the trunk then fled the area on foot. Police who arrived in the area were unable to locate the teen.

Port St. Lucie Police detectives assumed the investigation and was able to track down the teen suspect. Through the investigation the detective was able to recover the BB gun at another teen's house that the suspect gave the BB gun to. While inspecting the BB gun, the detective discovered that the BB gun had been converted to fire a live .22 caliber bullet, which was found inside the gun.



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The teen was arrested and taken to the Juvenile Detention Center.