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TAMPA TEENAGER ARRESTED, INVESTIGATION ONGOING

(TEMPLE TERRACE, FL – 2/1/10) – A Tampa teenager was arrested Friday night (1/29/10) after confronting a Temple Terrace police officer and resisting arrest.

Bazel Louis, 17, of 7814 E. Hillsborough Ave., Tampa, was transported to the Juvenile Assessment Center after his arrest, according to the Temple Terrace Police Department.

Louis was charged with resisting a law-enforcement officer without violence. Louis also was wanted on warrants from Hillsborough County for armed robbery/sudden snatch, trespassing on school grounds and providing a false name to a law-enforcement officer.

The incident occurred about 10:50 p.m. Friday in the area of Plum Lane and Peach Drive in the Meadowood condominium complex. A plain-clothes Temple Terrace police officer working in the area called for assistance, advising he was being assaulted by a group of men.

The group scattered minutes later. Upon arrival at the scene, Officer Jerrell Blenman observed Louis crouched behind a bush in an effort to conceal himself. During the incident, Officer Blenman discharged his firearm.

Louis was not hit and did not sustain any injuries, police said. He was then arrested.

Officer Blenman is on administrative leave pending an internal investigation into the incident, said police Deputy Chief Patricia Powers. Blenman has been employed with the Temple Terrace Police Department since December, 2008.

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