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## FEMALE ROBBERY SUSPECT ARRESTED IN TALLAHASSEE

**WHO:** Wanakee Williams

DOB: 5-31-82

St. Petersburg, Fla.

**WHAT:** Armed Robbery (Clearwater)

Kidnapping (St. Petersburg)

**WHEN:** Arrested: November 8, 2009

Extradited to Pinellas County Jail: November 11, 2009

**WHERE:** Arrested in Tallahassee, Florida

**WHY:** On July 17, 2009, an elderly woman was accosted and kidnapped from her driveway in St. Petersburg by two suspects. The victim was tied-up and placed in the trunk of her own vehicle. The male/female pair then drove to Clearwater and committed an Armed Robbery at the Exxon Station on Cleveland Street. A joint investigation with the St. Petersburg Police Department led to the arrest of the male suspect, Edward Charles Lee, within days of the incident (information included in SPPD press release sent out on July 24, 2009). Detectives identified Wanakee Williams as the female suspect and learned she had fled the area. They took the appropriate steps to have a warrant issued for her arrest.

On November 8, 2009, Leon County Sheriff's Office reported Williams was arrested in Tallahassee on a warrant for CPD's armed robbery case. Williams was extradited back to Pinellas County and booked into the Pinellas County Jail to await trial for Armed Robbery (Clearwater) and Kidnapping (St. Petersburg) charges.

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