



# CITY OF CLEARWATER

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## WANTED SUSPECT ARRESTED AFTER STRUGGLE WITH OFFICER

**WHO:** Jerome Kirkland (Arrested)  
DOB: 9-07-84  
Safety Harbor, Fla.  
**CHARGES:** Felony Warrant (Hillsborough County) – S&P Cocaine  
Felon in Possession Firearm  
Felon in Possession Ammunition  
Battery on LEO  
Resisting Arrest w/Violence  
VOP – Possession Cocaine  
Possession of Marijuana (Misdemeanor)

**WHAT:** Warrant Arrest/Multiple Other Felonies

**WHEN:** March 3, 2010  
4:10 a.m.

**WHERE:** Economy Inn  
20788 US Hwy 19  
Clearwater, Fla.

**SUMMARY:** Clearwater Police went to the Economy Inn after receiving information that a wanted subject (Kirkland) was staying in room #218. The initial investigating officer called for backup when he determined the suspect was in the room. However, moments later, the suspect attempted to flee and physically challenged the officer. After an intense struggle, the officer deployed his Taser to gain control of the suspect and handcuff him. Police found a loaded .380 handgun (reported stolen) hidden underneath a towel which was at the suspect's feet when the first officer made contact.

