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****PRESS RELEASE****

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On August 22nd, 2016 at approximately 11:50 pm, the Treasure Island Police Department was dispatched to 11875 Gulf Blvd, the Swashbuckler Motel, in reference to a fight in progress possibly with a weapon. Treasure Island Police Officers arrived and observed a black Mercedes, driven by Ava Marie Bugar of Belleair Bluffs leaving the scene. Officers attempted to stop the vehicle; however it continued to flee. Officers were able to stop the vehicle several blocks from the scene and Bugar was subsequently arrested for fleeing and eluding. The victims reported to the Officers they were jumped by two males who were located in the vehicle with Bugar. They were identified as Christopher Richard Tucker of Treasure Island and Jason Louis Johnson of Treasure Island, who were back seat passengers of the vehicle driven by Bugar. Officers located a black, metal baseball bat next to Tucker, which was used in the fight with the victims. During the initial altercation, Johnson also ripped a fire extinguisher from a wall and threatened the victims with it.

The victims and both Tucker and Johnson sustained serious injuries from the altercation. Tucker was charged with Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon and is being held on \$10,000 bond. Johnson was charged with Burglary, Grand Theft, and Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon and is being held on \$162,000 total bond. Bugar is also being held on \$5,000 bond.

No Officers were injured during the incident.