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Pharmacy robbed

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MOUNT DORA -- A man robbed a 24-hour CVS Pharmacy in Mount Dora with a handgun demanding prescription drugs Monday, police said.

Lady Lake resident John Grigsby, 2700 Lake Griffin Rd, walked into the CVS pharmacy, on the corner of U.S. Highway 441 and County Road 44B, after 2 a.m. wearing a black hooded jacket, black baseball cap, a black ski mask and blue plastic gloves on his hand, according to the police incident report.

Police said Grigsby approached the pharmacy counter, pointed the gun at the pharmacist and asked for Oxycontin 40mg, an addictive scheduled II drug pharmacists keep locked in a cabinet.

After the pharmacist opened the cabinet, police said Grigsby poured 250 40mg- and 20mg-strength oxycontin tablets, valued at more than \$1,700, into a plastic bag then left the store.

"He knew exactly what he was going there for," said Robbin Mayfield, spokeswoman for the Mount Dora Police department.

Grigsby was charged with robbery, resisting an officer with violence and drug trafficking. He is being held in the Lake County Jail on a \$100,000 bond.

Grigsby was captured by police after a foot pursuit through an orange grove which then led to a car chase. A Grigsby accomplice was waiting in the grove in a white pick-up truck, according to the report.

Both Mount Dora Police Officers and Lake County Sheriff's deputies pursued the suspects.

Spike strips were thrown in the path of the truck to deflate the tires, said Cpl. Jim Vachon.

Once the truck was immobilized, both men fled into a wooded area with deputies, police and dogs on their trail. Grigsby was caught, while his accomplice eluded police.

The driver has been identified as Lady Lake resident Matthew Ryan Davis, of 1400 Darcy Road, Mayfield said. A warrant has been issued for his arrest, she said.

She said Grigsby told police he robbed the store with a toy gun. Police said Grigsby told them he threw the gun out of the truck. Mayfield said they couldn't find the gun he threw from the window.

Police said Grigsby told them he was a drug addict and didn't rob the store for drugs to sell.

"I am glad that I got caught, maybe I can get some help," said Grigsby, according to a police report. "I'm not a bad criminal. I am a drug addict."

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