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Assault with a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury

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On January 3, 2009 at approximately 0330, officers of the Jacksonville Police Department responded to the parking lot of the Las Maracas Restaurant located at 1439 Lejeune Blvd. in reference to several people who had been shot. Officers arrived on scene and found that three (3) people had been shot. Two of the victims were eventually transported to the Pitt Memorial Hospital and treated for their gunshot wounds. One of those victims was treated and released. The other victim remains in the Pitt Memorial Hospital in critical but stable condition. The third victim was treated and released from the Onslow Memorial Hospital. According to witnesses, a verbal argument between the three victims and an another group of patrons escalated into a physical altercation inside the business. This altercation was broken and the victims left the building. Once in the parking lot, the suspect went to a vehicle and retrieved a weapon and shot all of the victims. The suspect then fled the scene in a large black SUV. Investigation continues.



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