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SWAT: Pounds of pot, LSD, guns seen in home

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Collier SWAT deputies said they searched a man's home and found more than 40 pounds of marijuana, LSD and suspected psychedelic mushrooms in a suitcase, and three handguns.

One of the three handguns found in a laundry room was hidden in a child's toy

car, they said.

Dion Barnes, 26, of Golden Gate Estates, was arrested Tuesday and faces felony charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, marijuana and LSD trafficking, possessing a controlled substance and violation of state probation, the Collier County Sheriff's Office re-



Barnes

ported.

He remained at the Naples Jail Center on Wednesday evening, held without bail.

SWAT deputies served a search warrant at the home in the 2500 block of 47th Avenue Northeast at 8:19 a.m. Tuesday. Barnes "voluntarily returned" to the house during the search, the report states.

Deputies found more than 40 pounds

of marijuana in the garage and laundry room and 5.5 grams of LSD, additional marijuana and suspected psychedelic mushrooms in a travel suitcase in the garage, according to the report.

They also found two large suitcases containing 18 one-pound bags of marijuana on top of the washer and dryer in the laundry room, and 782.9 grams of

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25 older than 50 honored for helping Collier, Lee

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Decades ago, Nicholas Romano's father, John, was denied his wish to serve in the military because he had a form of polio.

Romano, 73, always wanted to compensate for his late father's inability to enlist. He served in Vietnam and was shot three times and was sent home after three months.

But the longing to commemorate his father lingered.

After a successful career, he finally came upon a way to honor his dad.

Three years ago, Romano started the Bonita Bay Veterans Council. Since then, he and the council have helped 3,000 needy local veterans with rent and mortgage payments, meals, day care, "you name it, we'll do it," he said.

For his dedicated and selfless work on behalf of veterans, Romano himself was honored Wednesday. He was one of 25 people cited for service to the community at a "25 over 50" awards ceremony sponsored by the Naples Daily News at the Hilton Naples.

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ABOVE: Gail Markham accepts her award during the third annual "25 Over 50" presentation sponsored by the Naples Daily News.

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TOP: Attendees greet each other during the third annual "25 Over 50" presentation sponsored by the Daily News at the Hilton Naples on Wednesday.

No Brent Batten today
Column will return Tuesday

Suspected serial killer arrested in Tampa

Tamara Lush
ASSOCIATED PRESS

TAMPA — After enduring almost two months of fear, a Tampa neighborhood breathed a sigh of relief Wednesday after authorities announced the arrest of a suspected serial killer, a recent college graduate who gave himself away after asking a co-worker to hold a bag containing a handgun.

Howell Emanuel Donaldson, who was working as crew chief at a McDonald's, was charged with four counts of first-degree murder in a string of shootings that targeted people near bus stops.

"We had a community that was on edge," Mayor Bob Buckhorn said. "Today the light shines. The darkness is over. This community begins the healing process."

Neighbors of the 24-year-old — who lived in a different area of Tampa than where the slayings took place — said they recently saw him playing basketball with his younger brother in the driveway of the family's suburban home. Now they're puzzled as to how a kid who went to college in New York on a basketball scholarship ended up behind bars.

"He's very nice. He waves, very polite," said neighbor Kelly Fabian, who said she walked Donaldson to school when he was younger. "Quiet kid. It's a shocker."

Arrest records did not list an attorney for Donaldson, and the police chief said he did not know if the suspect had a lawyer yet. He's scheduled to make a first court appearance Thursday in Hillsborough County.

The arrest, which happened Tuesday night, brought immense relief to the

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Rising seas to swamp thousands of historical sites

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USA TODAY

Jamestown? Swamped. Cape Canaveral? Underwater. Charleston, S.C.? Gone.

Iconic locations from American history — from Jamestown to Cape Canaveral and Charleston to Cape Hatteras — could be underwater by the end of the century due to sea-level rise from global warming, according to a study published Wednesday.

Overall, the study predicts that vast numbers of archaeological and historic sites, cemeteries and landscapes on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts of the southeastern USA will be lost to the sea by 2100, if projected sea-level rise trends continue.

"It is clear that small increases in sea level will have great consequences on the coastal archaeological record," said study lead author David Anderson of the University of Tennessee. "Sea-

level rise will result in the loss of much of the record of human habitation of the coastal margin in the Southeast within the next one to two centuries."

Researchers predict over 13,000 archaeological sites in the Southeast alone may be submerged with a 3-foot rise in sea level, including over 1,000 listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Some 4,000 would be lost in Florida alone.

In addition to the loss of large numbers of archaeological sites where indigenous inhabitants, early settlers, and enslaved and later freed peoples once lived, many iconic places in American history such as Charleston, Jamestown, the Kennedy Space Center, St. Augustine, and even the recently relocated Cape Hatteras Lighthouse are all threatened by comparatively minor increases in sea level, the study said.

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Two historical interpreters walk into the fort at Jamestown settlement in Jamestown, Va., in 2006. Thousands of archaeological sites, including Jamestown, will be underwater by 2100 if seas continue to rise. MANNIE GARCIA, AFP/GETTY IMAGES

25 Over 50

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The awards are given annually to 25 residents in Collier and Lee counties older than 50 for their leadership, service and philanthropic work — often as volunteers. This is the third year the Daily News has granted the awards.

“There’s nothing better than shining a light on the people who make our community a better place,” William Barker, publisher of the Daily News, told more than 200 people.

Some of the awardees have devoted themselves to a single cause. Others have worked in a variety of charitable endeavors.

One who has spread herself across the philanthropic landscape is Myra Shapiro.

She has been involved in so many community organizations and campaigns that it’s not easy to choose just one line of volunteer work that stands out.

“I’ve been around for a very long time,” she said, “and I guess you could say I’m a volunteer person.”

Since moving to Naples with her husband in 1981, Shapiro has served the community in numerous volunteer roles — in children’s work, health care and education, for instance. For two decades, she led the now-defunct Naples Alliance for Children.

She was thrilled by the awards ceremony and not just because she was a winner.

“It’s just so much fun,” she said. “I’m seeing people I haven’t seen for a while. It’s nice to be with such great people because they’ve all done a lot of work and made Collier what it is. And we’re going to get better.”

Award winner Yale Freeman, 69, a lawyer, has worked for the community, particularly in helping get food to the needy, since moving to Naples 25 years ago.

He is vice president of the Collier Harvest Foundation and even gave up his law practice for a year to run the Collier County Food Bank. He has volunteered with other charities and established a nonprofit organization to coordinate hunger relief efforts in the community.

For Freeman, serving the community is a natural part of his life in Naples.

“It’s a wonderful community,” he said, “and you give back in any way you can.”

Sue Palmer has given back to a particular group for almost two decades through her work with Collier County Special Olympics, previously as director and now as fundraiser.

When she came to Naples in 1989, she responded to an ad on a bulletin board seeking someone to work in Special Olympics.

She knew nothing about sports but applied for the post and began working five hours a week. Ever since then, she has devoted her life to the those who participate in the games.

While the honorees were excited and gratified to be



Attendees enjoy the third annual “25 Over 50” presentation sponsored by the Naples Daily News at the Hilton Naples on Wednesday. DOROTHY EDWARDS/NAPLES DAILY NEWS

Here is the full list of awardees:

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| Lois A. Bolin | Lou Pontius |
| Art Bookbinder | Steve Pontius |
| Russell A. Budd | Nicolas Romano |
| Lisa Akita Cannon | Myra Shapiro |
| Bonny Eads | Theresa J. Shaw |
| Yale Freeman | Alen Silver |
| Sam Galloway Jr. | Deb Silver |
| Sharon Hanlon | Adria D. Starkey |
| Wayne R. Kirkwood | Vicki Tracy |
| Gail Markham | Linda Uhler |
| Colleen Murphy | Tom Uhler |
| William O’Neill | Craig R. Woodward |
| Sue Palmer | |

cited for their work, they agreed the awards should have gone not only to them but to the individuals and organizations they work with.

“Special Olympics is so dear to my heart,” Palmer said. “The award should be for my whole team.”

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