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Re: Aggravated Child Abuse-False Imprisonment

Date: February 11, 2009

Case#: 2009-05248

ARRESTED: TAILING GIGLIOTTI, 11/08/58, SPRING HILL RESIDENT
CHARGE: AGGRAVATED CHILD ABUSE-FALSE IMPRISONMENT
DATE OF ARREST: 02/10/09 1730 HRS.

On 2/9/09 a 17 year old male went to a neighbor's door asking for help. The Juvenile victim had bruises and cuts to his left arm and shoulder along with cuts and contusions about his head, arms and face.

When deputies arrived the victim said that he lives with Tailing Gigliotti, a relative, who had been locking him in the bathroom daily since November 2007 and only allowed him out when she was home. The victim went on to say that he has not slept in a regular bed for over 3 years and was made to sleep on the floor in the hallway until November 2007 at which time Gigliotti confined him to sleeping in the bathroom. The bathroom door was bolted and screwed shut from the outside and the window barricaded with plywood that was screwed to the house so he could not escape.

On 02/08/09, the victim was made to strip; his hands bound with packing tape and he was beaten by Gigliotti with a piece of wood approximately 3 ft long and 1x1 inch square. The victim also had been beat with a short section of water hose that had metal and plastic ends. The beating caused numerous lacerations and contusions to the victims head, back, buttocks, left shoulder, forearms and hands. After the beating the victim was kept nude and locked inside the bathroom without medical attention for his injuries while Gigliotti went to work. The power to the bathroom had been turned off at the main panel leaving the victim in total darkness. On 02/09/09 the victim managed to break open the door and go to the neighbor's house for help.

The victim was taken by Detectives to be treated for his injuries. During the examination the physician discovered that besides the new injuries, the victim has old scars from beatings and a broken arm that was 3-14 days old that had never been treated. The victim is now safe and in State custody.

A search warrant was obtained for Gigliotti's residence and evidence linked to the crime was discovered. A warrant for Gigliotti was obtained and she turned herself into the Hernando County Jail on 02/10/09 at 1730 hrs, bond set at \$15,000.00. Gigliotti has obtained an attorney and did not give a statement.