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Media Release

From: Corporal Wendy McGinnis
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Re: Deputy Involved Shooting Suspect is Also Charged With the Homicide of
Joey Lynn Hattenbrun

Date: September 28, 2011

Case#: 2011-32558 and 2011-31404

Owl Road Homicide 2011-31404

Victim:
Joey Lynn Hattenbrun W/F 02-13-1981
6492 Owl Road
Brooksville, FL 34613



Suspect:
Brett Douglas Hattenbrun W/M DOB/ 01/03/51
7043 Owl Road
Weeki Wachee, Florida 34613
Charge:



- At approximately 11:43 p.m. on September 16, 2011, the Hernando County Sheriff's Office received a call from Chad Hattenbrun, DOB 02/14/77. Chad stated he had just found his wife lying near her car at their home located at 6492 Owl Rd, Brooksville, with serious injuries. Chad's wife, Joey Lynn Hattenbrun, was flown to Bayfront Medical Center where she later succumbed to her injuries.
- After Brett Hattenbrun was taken into custody, post Miranda, he confessed to the homicide of his daughter-in-law, Joey Lynn Hattenbrun.
- Mr. Hattenbrun is currently being transported to the Hernando County Jail where he will be booked in for 1st degree murder and robbery and held on a no bond status.

Deputy Involved Shooting

2011-32558

Suspect:

**Brett Douglas Hattenbrun W/M DOB/ 01/03/51
7043 Owl Road
Weeki Wachee, Florida 34613**



Charges:

**Attempted 1st Degree Murder of a Law Enforcement Officer (5 cts.)
Make/Possess/Throw/Project, Destructive Device With Intent to Harm Persons or
Property (3 cts).**

- On 09/27/2011 at approximately 10:00 am members of the Hernando County Sheriff's Office responded to 7043 Owl Road, Brooksville, in an attempt to serve a search warrant.
- Sergeant Phillip Lakin, Detectives Brian Faulkingham, Jill Morrell, John Ellis and Deputy Rosemarie DeJesus responded to the residence to execute the search warrant.
- Upon approaching the front entrance to residence, Sergeant P. Lakin did, in a loud voice, announce our presence and our intention.
- Moments later, the defendant, Brett Hattenbrun appeared in the doorway holding above his head an incendiary device. The device is described as a large glass container with an unknown flammable liquid. A flaming piece of material was protruding from the top of the bottle. The defendant purposely threw the device at the ground in front of Sergeant Lakin, Detective Faulkingham, and Deputy DeJesus. Upon impact, the device exploded causing a large "fireball" engulfing the immediate area.

- The defendant retreated into the residence momentarily. The defendant then reappeared and began discharging what was perceived as a semi-automatic weapon at all persons present.
- The defendant was engaged by law enforcement officers at which time he was struck with a projectile causing a non-life threatening injury. The defendant was taken into custody and transported to St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa, Florida for treatment.
- The defendant is suspect in an ongoing, unrelated homicide investigation.
- During said homicide investigation, the defendant demonstrated the ability to flee the area by traveling to Miami unannounced to family and friends.
- The defendant also willingly relinquished his firearms to the Hernando County Sheriff's Office only to utilize crude, home made weapons in an effort to avoid further investigation.
- It is the detectives belief that if the defendant is bondable, he may attempt to take his own life, or the life of others. At minimum, it is believed that the defendant may attempt to flee the jurisdiction of this court. For those reasons detectives have requested the defendant be held with no bond pending arraignment.