



## Hernando County Sheriff's Office

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### Media Release

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**From:** Denise M. Moloney  
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**Re:** Sylvester Frances Kulaga Wanted for Attempted Homicide

**Date:** June 19, 2013

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On 06-15-13 just after midnight, Sylvester Frances Kulaga was released from the Hernando County Detention Center. He had been incarcerated since November on various drug and larceny charges.

On 06-18-13 at approximately 6 a.m., Kulaga went to the residence where he formerly lived with an ex-girlfriend, Lisa Massey. Massey and her new boyfriend, James Mullis, were just waking up and preparing to begin the day.

Before they knew it, Kulaga opened a window and unlocked the door, gaining entry into Massey's residence. Once inside he kicked in the bedroom door. While both victims were lying in bed, Kulaga doused them with lighter fluid. Kulaga also had in his possession a lighter and a can of spray paint. After dousing the victims, he attempted to start a fire by spraying the paint in their direction and igniting it.

Lisa Massey jumped out of bed and lunged at Kulaga in an attempt to stop him from starting a fire. A roommate who was sleeping, Marvin Harvey, heard the commotion and came to assist. He also observed Kulaga attempting to ignite the stream of spray paint. When Harvey attempted to stop Kulaga, Kulaga grabbed him by the throat, squeezed his throat, and threw him out of the bedroom.

Eventually, Massey and Harvey were able to overpower Kulaga and push him out of the residence. Kulaga fled on foot.

Warrants have been issued for the arrest of **Sylvester Frances Kulaga "Quigley" W/M DOB/08-13-1960 Height/6'00", Weight/230.**

Charges are as follows:

- Attempted 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder (2 counts)
- Battery

If you know the whereabouts of this individual, please call the Detective Elizabeth Tinkham at 352-754-6830.

Please do not approach this subject as he should be considered dangerous.