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Media Release

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Re: Traffic Stop in Tavares Leads to Discovery of Home Invasion in Hernando County

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On 06-23-14, the Tavares Police Department, located in Lake County Florida, received a tip that Randy Moses Haripel and another individual had stolen a car in Brooksville and were driving it back to Tavares. Officers from the Tavares Police Department located Haripel driving a vehicle belonging to Jacklyn Davis, 77 years old, of 6184 Ivy Hill Lane in Brooksville.

The Tavares Police Department requested the Hernando County Sheriff's Office to respond to Davis' residence to check on the status of her vehicle. Upon arrival at the residence, Sergeant Tom Banks and Deputy James Baker could hear a female screaming for help. The deputies quickly made entry into the residence to find Davis lying on the floor. She was suffering from serious injuries.

Fire/Rescue was dispatched to the scene. Davis was transported to a local hospital and later transferred to a trauma center.

Detectives interviewed Ms. Davis to learn that she was at home during the daytime hours of 06-23-14 when she heard a knock at her back door. She went to the door and was confronted by Haripel who asked for a person by name. Davis advised him no one lived there by that name and began to close the door. It was then that Haripel shoved his way into Ms. Davis' residence.

Haripel knocked the elderly and frail lady to the floor. He then attempted to strangle her. Ms. Davis blacked out. When she awoke the suspect was no longer in her home. Ms. Davis attempted to locate her telephone but was unable to do so, as it appeared Haripel had taken not only her cell phone but several of her cordless phones with him. Ms. Davis was not able to stand up or to summon help in any way. She does not know how long she was lying there waiting for help to arrive.

When Hernando County detectives interviewed Haripel, he admitted to his involvement in this offense and implicated himself in additional crimes.

The investigation continues; detectives will continue to follow up on leads.

Randy Moses Haripel B/M DOB/08-28-1996 was placed under arrest, charged as follows:

- **Grand Theft Auto** (Tavares Police Department)
- **Home Invasion Robbery** - Juvenile Pick Up Order Entered FCIC/NCIC – Hernando County Sheriff's Office
- **Aggravated Battery on Person Over 65**- Juvenile Pick Up Order Entered FCIC/NCIC – Hernando County Sheriff's Office
- **Other charges pending** – Hernando County Sheriff's Office.

Haripel is being detailed at the Juvenile Detention Center in Ocala.