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Media Release

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Re: UPDATE #2 - ARREST MADE - Detectives Attempting to Locate Attempted
Murder Suspect

Date: August 19, 2019

Update #2 – 08-19-19

On 08-17-19 just prior to 9:30 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies and Hernando County Fire Rescue were dispatched to the Freedom Gardens Apartments upon the receipt of a 9-1-1 call from a male, reporting a female who had been beaten severely.

The male, a neighbor, heard the female screaming and went to her apartment to check on her. When the neighbor knocked on the victim's door, the victim answered the door and stated that she'd been hit in the head with a hammer and to please call 9-1-1. The victim's 7-year-old child was in the apartment during the attack and was extremely upset.

When the neighbor initially heard the screaming, he looked out the window and observed a white male, later identified as Timothy Allan Shea Kydd, running from the scene. The description the neighbor provided matched the description the victim provided.

The victim was immediately transported to a local hospital where it was determined that she had multiple skull fractures, and orbital fracture, and a cervical fracture. Due to the severity of her injuries, the victim was transported to a local trauma center in critical condition.

The victim's identity is being withheld per Marsy's Law.

Investigation revealed the victim met Kydd on an on-line dating site the day before the attack. On 08-16-19, the victim drove to Ocala to pick up Kydd. She brought him back to her apartment where they, along with her child, spent the night.

The victim and the suspect argued during the night and then again in the morning about sexual relations. In the morning, the victim then told the suspect he needed to leave.

After being told to leave, the suspect hit the victim in the head with a hammer. The suspect then placed his hand over the victim's mouth, preventing her from screaming. During this time, the child came running to her bedroom after hearing the commotion. Kydd struck the victim again. The victim was able to scream, alerting the neighbor to the attack.

Kydd left the apartment. The victim was able to lock the door, preventing him from returning.

Kydd did leave behind a backpack containing identification; however, detectives had to determine if the identification actually belonged to him or whether it was fraudulent, as he provided the victim with a different name.

Once his identity was verified, detectives learned that Kydd had previous arrests for violent crimes and had open cases in other local jurisdictions.

A warrant was issued for **Timothy Allan Shea Kydd** for **Attempted Murder – No Bond**.

Throughout the evening, Kydd took the opportunity to post comments on the HCSO Facebook page regarding this incident; he even called the HCSO to speak to Detective Burger to advise that he was in Georgia. Unbeknownst to Kydd, and other criminals like him, we've done this once or twice.

Kydd was located and arrested on 08-18-19 just after 1 a.m., by authorities in Marion County.

The case remains active.

Update #1 – 08-18-19

Moments ago, authorities in Marion County, Florida located and arrested **Timothy Allan Shea Kydd**.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis would like to thank our social media followers, our media partners, and the numerous law enforcement agencies and officials who assisted in the apprehension of this dangerous criminal.

At this time there is no additional information available.

When additional details are available, an update will be provided.

Original Information – 08-17-19

On 08-17-19 just prior to 9:30 a.m., Hernando County Sheriff's deputies were called to the Freedom Gardens Apartments in Brooksville to investigate an Aggravated Battery.

Upon arrival, deputies located a female victim suffering from significant injuries. The victim was taken to a local trauma center for treatment. She is listed in critical condition.

Investigation revealed the victim had been beaten, severely, by a male she had recently become acquainted with. The male, later identified as Timothy Kydd, fled the area of the apartment complex on foot prior to the arrival of law enforcement.

At this time, detectives have been unable to locate Timothy Kydd and are asking the community and our media partners for assistance. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH KYDD, AS HE IS CONSIDERED VIOLENT/DANGEROUS. Please notify law enforcement immediately if you have information.

Kydd is WANTED for ATTEMPTED MURDER

Timothy Allan Shea Kydd
AKA/Timothy Bates
White/Male
DOB/12-06-1989
Height - 6'5"
Weight - Unknown
Last seen wearing - Black Shirt/Blue Jeans



If you have information on the whereabouts of Kydd, please contact **Detective Kimberly Burger** at the Hernando County Sheriff's Office - **352-754-6830**. Please use 9-1-1 in an emergency.

If you have information and would like to remain anonymous - Please call Hernando County Crime Stoppers at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com>. You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$3,000 cash!

The Office of Sheriff:

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Sheriff Al Nienhuis was initially appointed as the Sheriff of Hernando County by the Governor in January of 2011. He was then elected by the people of Hernando County in 2012, ran unopposed in 2016, and remains accountable to them.