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Media Release

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Re: Domestic Dispute Leads to Aggravated Battery with Deadly Weapon –
2024-00109543

Date: March 12, 2024

On 03-11-2024, at approximately 11:07 p.m., the Hernando County Communications Center received a 9-1-1 call from an individual, residing on the 16000 block of Ft. Myers Street in Brooksville, who stated that his boyfriend stabbed him in the face and arms with a machete and was chasing him.

Minutes later deputies arrived on scene to find the male victim, outside of a neighboring residence, covered in what appeared to be blood, with a large laceration to the left side of his face.

The victim, identified his live-in boyfriend, **Douglas Albert Fullerton / DOB 12-31-1999**, as the one who stabbed him. The victim advised Fullerton had gained access to his digital devices and was spying on his text messages and that when he was confronted about doing so, Fullerton went into another room, retrieved a large machete and swung it, hitting him in the face.

The victim said he grabbed the blade to prevent being hit with it again when Fullerton dropped the machete, went to the kitchen retrieving a silver kitchen knife and came back in the attempt to continue stabbing him. The victim turned to run and felt the knife hit his back.

The victim was able to escape to a bathroom and call 9-1-1 as Fullerton yelled outside the door, "Tell them you got into an accident. I don't wanna go back to jail". The victim was eventually able to flee the residence, but Fullerton was close by and began chasing him. When he reached a neighboring residence, he noticed Fullerton was no longer in sight. He was able to stay on the neighboring property until help arrived.

The victim was transported to a local hospital and assessed for a deep laceration to his face, fractures to his facial bones, and minor cuts to his hands and back.

Deputies remained on scene attempting to locate Fullerton, tracking with the K-9 and Drone Units, but met with negative results.

An arrest warrant for **Aggravated Battery with a Deadly Weapon** was issued for Fullerton.

Fullerton also has an active warrant for **Violation of Probation for Possession of a Controlled Substance**.

Deputies are actively and diligently searching for **Douglas Albert Fullerton**. If you know his whereabouts, please call the Hernando County Sheriff's Office at 352-754-6830 or contact Hernando County Crime Stoppers to submit an anonymous tip at the number below.

Thank you for your assistance and your support.



Douglas Albert Fullerton / DOB 12-31-1999

Hernando County Crime Stoppers / Anonymous Tips

If you have information on this case, please contact Hernando County Crime Stoppers. You will remain anonymous!

Hernando County Crime Stoppers can be reached by phone at 1-866-990-TIPS (8477) or **TIPS from a cell phone.

You may also submit your tip via the internet at <http://www.hernandocountycrimestoppers.com> .

You will remain anonymous and also be eligible for a reward up to \$5,000 cash!